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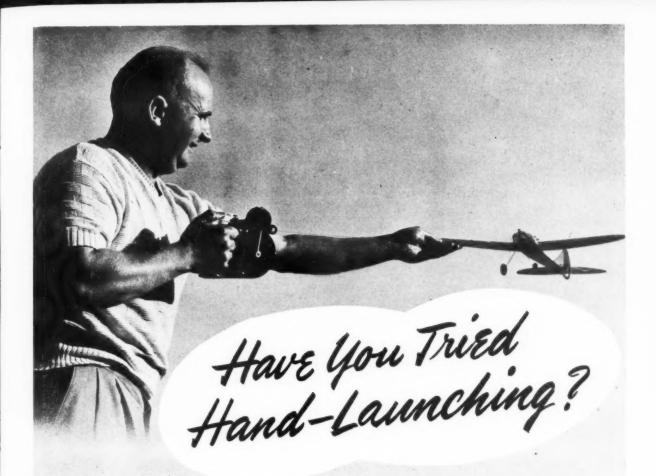
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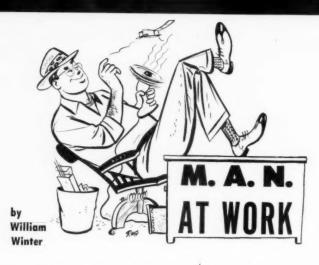
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It is a small world, time flies, and all that stuff, but how small the globe is and how fast the years go by was just brought home by the intrepid Charlie Grant, who was just telling us how he avidly reads Twenty Years Ago, because in February 1932 issue he became editor of M.A.N. For a minute, we thought Charlie had walked out of the fourth dimension. Had noted last month in Twenty Years Ago that Charlie had begun his celebrated series of beginner's models. They were tops as fliers and are as good today as they were then. Aside to stray editors who read this column for tips on ships; Charlie will be doing more so don't go getting ideas!

▶ Churned through those amazing comments that Joe Nieto sticks on his drawings. Never know what you'll find. Right in the middle of that fine printing on the Robin, Joe tosses off an off-hand mention that he had flown in the very ship in the drawing. Wonder how Joe must have felt when asked to draw not only a Robin, but the very one Gulf had sky-hopped him in.

Thinking about the high cost of everything reminds us of a story Walker told M.A.N. At Work. Jim took his first hand-made U-Reely handle into a local hobby shop to show the dealer. What will it cost, asked the dealer. After Jim told him \$7.50, a kid at the counter picked himself up off the floor and said, "Holy Cow." So Jim turned to him and said, "Sonny, would you like to buy this handle?" Whattadaya want, comes back the kid, and Jim says, "Five thousand dollars. But if you'll meet me here tomorrow at this time, we'll have two of them and I can let you have one at \$2,500." Which points up the terrific development costs to any manufacturer.

▶ Flying hereabouts really got a kick in the teeth when new home owners took over Curtiss Field. Now we meet guys from all over, even Jersey, at Hicksville, about 30 miles out on Long Island. Next summer, the kind hearted contractor who owns the joint will put up 900 houses. Custer's Last Stand has nothing on us. But everybody is planning ships a mile a minute for next season. You have to give them credit.

Remember those diesels from last month's M.A.N. at Work? Finally got one that, beyond doubt, ranks with our hot stuff. Up until now, we have been impressed by the various jobs that Polk's lent us to test. One of them was the ED 2CC Competition Special, about a .12, which we have in our 3-1/2 pound rc. It drives a 10 x 6 Topflite very well. Now the new diesel we want to tell you about is a 1/2cc Albon Dart. That's a displacement of about .03, bigger than the Infant but slightly smaller than the smallest Cub. It turns the prop off our .065 at 12,000 and turns a 7 x 4 at about 9,000-10,000. Reminds you of a Wasp more than anything in its running. Pete Chinn, who does engine articles for Model Aircraft in England (has one coming up on diesels for M.A.N. readers), said he wanted us to see a real diesel. Understand that Elfins, Amcos, are also highly rated like the Albons, but none have strayed into our clumsy clutches so far.

▶ Stunt men should be in seventh heaven with this issue's El Diablo, one of the few distinctive and different stunt designs that still maintained topnotch performance. "Red" Reinhardt its designer, is a veteran of eastern circles and needs no introduction to the flip-flop addicts. Don Grout, a mighty finicky test pilot, gives the low down in another of the "We Test" articles on one of deBolt's stunters, the All American.

Like to tell you about a survey M.A.N. just completed. Three per cent return on such a survey is considered normal. Fifteen is excellent. But you can't hold down M.A.N. readers. Forty odd per cent not only answered our questionnaire but many of those contributed lengthy comments and suggestions, all of which have been faithfully read and noted. The job you guys did-those of you who received the questionnaire-certainly is appreciated. We not only know what engine you bought last but the one you will buy next and we are going to give you the airplanes (Continued on page 8)



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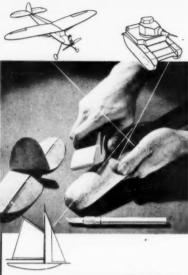
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The roving reporter braves California chills to take in two of the year's biggest model contests.

For team racing you must have a good fuel shut-off. Top, right, h Paul White's; other is Les McBrayer's

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▶ Still trying to thaw out after the San Bernardino Flying Wheels Annual F.F. meet, at the Camp Hahn. The field was surrounded by snow capped mountains and a howling wind carried the icy blast right down the nape of our neck.

The first run of flights were mostly O.O.S. in two minutes or less. About one-thirty, the wind took a rest and the lucky ones started thermal riding. The times turned in on the first rounds were very close as the wind and 'lack of "bumps" left much to be desired. Ed Rominger, President of the San Diego Aeroneers, had a tough break when his hand got wound up in a Mac 49 powered prop. Two choice helpers stepped in to give Ed a hand in the engine starting department, namely, yours truly and Johnny Brodbeck. Whatta crew! In spite of our assistance, Ed didn't get skunked. After a few tongue dragging chases down wind, we went into a huddle in Brodbeck's car to gulp down a couple of cups of hot coffee and discuss the tough engine situation. The facts are still sad, fellows. The 29's and 32's just ain't. The AA's (.020s and .049s) are still fairly plentiful but may not be around too long.

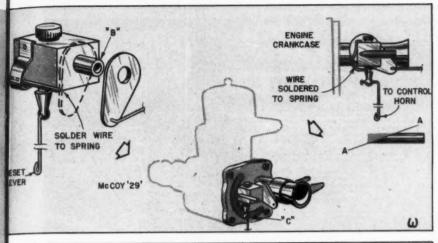
We weren't too surprised to see the larger powerplants lording it over the midgets for the first time in many moons. It could have been because the AA jobs were going over the hill in the wind in about 50 to 80 seconds in the gale that was blowing. Guess the big ships were just right for the weather.

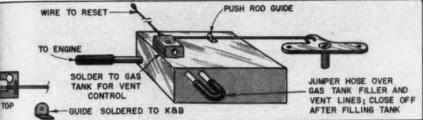
Heard one engine about ready to blow its top. Wondered if it was running with a flywheel or broken prop. Heads went out the car windows just

in time to see Sal Taibi launch his Torp 29 powered Streamliner with the throttle full on. Sal's ship is really a beauty; carried 600 square inches of wing area and incorporates the pop-up stab dethermalizer. The streamlined cowling must have been the inspiration for the name as it is a masterpiece of machine work. Taibi tells us that the split type aluminum cowl, which incorporates grooves for mounts and gear, took about three months of off-and-on work to complete. The "deal" is very rugged and quite light. It was little wonder the engine was screaming as an 8 x 3-1/2 Top Flite was in flight position just aft of the spinner. The old maestro, Sal Taibi, showed us that the combination was all he claimed it to be. The torque question was eliminated and plenty of thrust for a fast climb was very apparent. Wonder how long the engine will stay together?

Louis Culler, of AA scale F.F. fame, had quite a time with his swell looking Torp 19 powered Zeek. We think his first flight should hold some kind of record. The climb and recovery were perfect and the glide was perfect geometrically. We mean it was the straightest flight our tired old orbs ever witnessed. The ship tried to prove that the shortest distance between two points was a straight line. A few more flights like that should slim down the old waistline, Louis.

Wally "A.W.O.L." Short C.D.'d the meet and came up, with the help of the club, with some very good time cards. We'd like to see more of this type used at all meets in the future. These cards had small boxes for minutes, seconds, and tenths of seconds. The total was





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Without a doubt, the Rudderbug is on top of the heap as the most popular type of radio model. Several innovations of this particular model are in the air at almost any R.C. gathering. We had the good fortune to watch a twothirds version of the Rudderbug in action a few weeks ago. Harold Bulmahn of Waco, Texas, made a trip out to California and brought his R.C. ship with him. The model is powered with an Arden .099 engine and carries the very popular Control Research rig. The receiver is a two-tube outfit. The first few flights were a bit erratic, but after a few minor incidence and weight adjustments, the ship handled like a dream. We particularly enjoyed the snappy low altitude manuevering. This type of flying must have paralleled the flights made by the Canadian R.C. modelers which Harold deBolt informed us about in our last column. Bulmahn made several r.o.g. take-offs that were quite spectacular. The brisk wind made it necessary to change rudder position several times before the ship left the ground, but friend Harold coped with the situation with ease.

The blast of wind at the Hahn meet was trivial in comparison with the storm we drove through to get to the Fast Team Race Meet held by the F.A.S.T. Club at the Santa Anita parking area. The winds reached 60 to 70 mph at times, and our Henry J about took off. We were afraid that the meet would be called off, but after getting

near the mountains, which are quite close to Santa Anita, the wind practically ceased so the meet went on as scheduled. The closing curtain on the 1951 season of T.R. brought out the largest group of contestants we've seen in nearly two years. The fact that the two top men in the 1951 point standings, Cliff Potts of San Diego and Paul White of Monrovia, were only five points apart kept the spectators and contestants at the edge of the circle all day long. Paul held top honors until he had a bit of trouble in his heat races, then Cliff fired up and practically ran away from the field of contestants. We've followed Cliff's modeling career for quite some time and have never seen a cooler customer in the flying circles. Stunt flying and team racing are Potts' long suit, and he's enough hardware on his shelves to put a trophy dealer to shame. He has helped many youngsters over some of the rough spots of model flying and is always ready and willing to help stage a model flying show at orphanages, sport gatherings, or any other functions that want flying as part of the program. If there is a bigger conglomeration of different types of u-control models in anyone's workshop, we have yet to see it. Cliff has flying saucers, stunt jobs, speed jobs, team racers, helicopters, scale models, and you'd have to dig plenty deep to get to the bottom of the pile. As for Team Racing in 1951, that's easy-his name is at the top of the list. Keep up the swell work, Cliff. We might add that both Cliff and Paul White, Mr. 1 and Mr. 2, fly the Quest (July 1951-M.A.N.) team racers and both are powered with (Continued on page 50)



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for it! We know the airplanes you would like to build; just keep watching for them. Big things are being planned.

- ▶ When we first began to build models, Ma used to get a mad on when school started in September. Later on, it was the better half who thought we overdid things. Of course, a guy can't fail to get his marks or expecting by the cuts out 36 wing ribs but, after you have been in the Open Class for a couple of decades, things change. Now take this Veco Comanche we built in bed while "sick" with the grippe. There we were, propped up and woozy, slapping in the formers when in walks our youngest daughter and cracks, "Daddy, don't you ever give up?"
- ▶ Speaking of "We Tests" and new kits, the oldest boy put together some months ago one of DeBolt's All Americans. Now that Don Grout reports so favorably on the flyability of this airplane, we can add from first-hand observation that it is a cinch to build. A neat, accurate job resulted without side-line coaching. Good as we can do. Maybe that isn't a compliment?
- Do you believe everything you hear? Which way will a gas job tend to turn if you decrease the pitch and hold the diameter? Always thought it would go more to the right. New Yorkers argued us this summer that it is the other way. Now we have had airplanes that have done both! Also have had ships with marginal power which flew better, climbed higher, when incidence was removed. Add incidence to add lift and you killed performance completely. So, on low power, drag to thrust is a major factor. This is something for builders of cargo carriers to consider. Better sections at less incidence should life more with the power limitation they have. And as weight goes up, it takes increasingly higher pitches to get off! Have noted, too, that with low power you require more downthrust and more offset. Going from a .19 to an .09, the airplane required down and right to be doubled, and 1/8" incidence removed before the ship would fly. High thrust line rc job we have now apparently has very small slip stream affect against fuselage and thus requires terriffic right-thrust to offset torque. When a ship stalls, you'd think that incidence should come out. Our rc job stalls worse every time this correction is made. Take out enough and the plane cannot be controlled. Stall resistance and inherent longitudinal stability is murdered by decreases in longitudinal dihedral. Noted Pete Andrews' hot new free flight could not be stopped from looping until the c.g. was moved back—yes, backl—and incidence removed. Flew fine.
- You think that wash-in always holds or lifts up a wingtip? At glide speeds, it may drag that side of the wing back and aggravate the turn in the wrong direction. If the vertical tail is too small, the model can go one way when wash-in is added, but if the vertical tail is large enough or excessively large, the machine can turn in the other. And to keep the pot boiling, will a 6 x 4 prop travel the same distance in the same number of revs as a 10 x 4? Let's argue that one out in Rich and Lean.
- This must be old home-week for editors for whom we once worked. C. B. Colby, who used to challenge us to duels with ping pong balls at 40 paces every time we discussed a prospective article on one of those other magazines, approached with flaps down and engines roaring to tell us how he chased authentic plans all over heck and gone for his book "Our Fighting Jets." (Short pause for commercial: Howard McCann, 210 Madison Ave., New York—thank you.) "C.B." is an old-time pilot and aviation editor who knows his onions. Matter of fact, he was the source of that accurate three-view of the Cutlass in Planes in the News a few months back when Dave Anderton was flying around Europe. Only thing we have against C. B. is that we couldn't convert him to model building. "THE END

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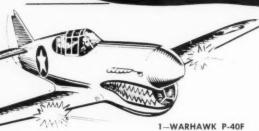


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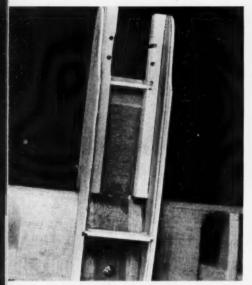
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El Diablo was not designed, it was just built. It was three days before the Plymouth Eliminations and I found myself without an airplane. So, I started building a plane that would be simple, strong, smooth but tight turning, and wicked looking. When I got done, it looked like the devil, so I named it El Diablo, which means "The Devil" in Spanish.

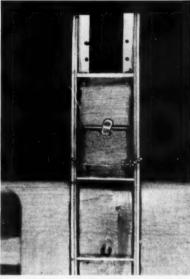
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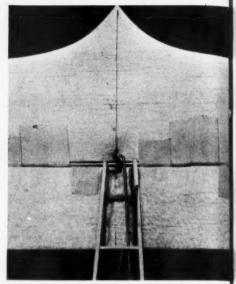
Start construction by building the wing, since the whole airplane is built around the wing. First, make a rib template from tin-can stock. Make up a set of ribs by cutting around the pattern on 1/16" stock. Stack the ribs and the false ribs together and sand them smooth. Cut them in half where the full depth spar will separate them, and cut the notch for the leading edge. Cut the full depth spar to size, and cement the front halves of the ribs and the false ribs in place, being sure to center them. Add the leading edge, then the back halves of



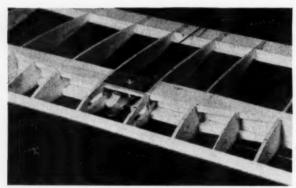
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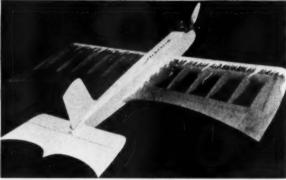
Gear attaches to ply by metal strap fittings.



Rod-horn detail. Note mounting of tail skid.



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the ribs. Cement half of the split trailing edge in place, and add the trailing edge fill-ins. Sand smooth, and add the rest of the split trailing edge.

When this is dry, apply another coat of cement to all joints. Next, taper the main spars and the spar reinforcements. Lay the spar on the wing, and mark where the ribs must be notched. Cut out all the notches, and cement the main spars and the center reinforcements in place. Then cut the bellcrank mounts to size, notch out the spars, and cement them in place. Drill a hole right through for the bellcrank bolt. Cut out the full depth spar in the center, and install the control system. Cut away the center ribs until the bellcrank swings to the angles shown. Now add the center sheeting, the trailing edge, the tips, and the cap strips. When all is dry, sand well and cover with silk. Add one coat of clear dope, and the wing is finished.

Next cut out the tail assembly, and assemble with the horn and hinges. Cut out the plywood motor mount supports, the motor mounts, and the bottom plate. Cement and screw the motor mounts to the motor mount supports, and assemble with the bottom plate on the wing, being sure everything is lined up. Cut out the fuselage formers and the sides, and the plywood pushrod guides. Slide the sides onto the wing and cement in place. Add formers and the pushrod guides, and mount the tail assembly. Hook up the control system and make sure everything works well. Bend the landing gear and tail skid to shape and mount in place. Then cement on the bottom.

Make the tank as shown and cement into the fuselage. Cement the top in place, and add the rudder. Drill holes for the engine and solder the wheels in place. Cover the entire fuselage and the tail assembly with Silkspan. Apply

four coats of clear dope to the entire airplane, trim to your liking, and apply two coats of hot fuel proofer.

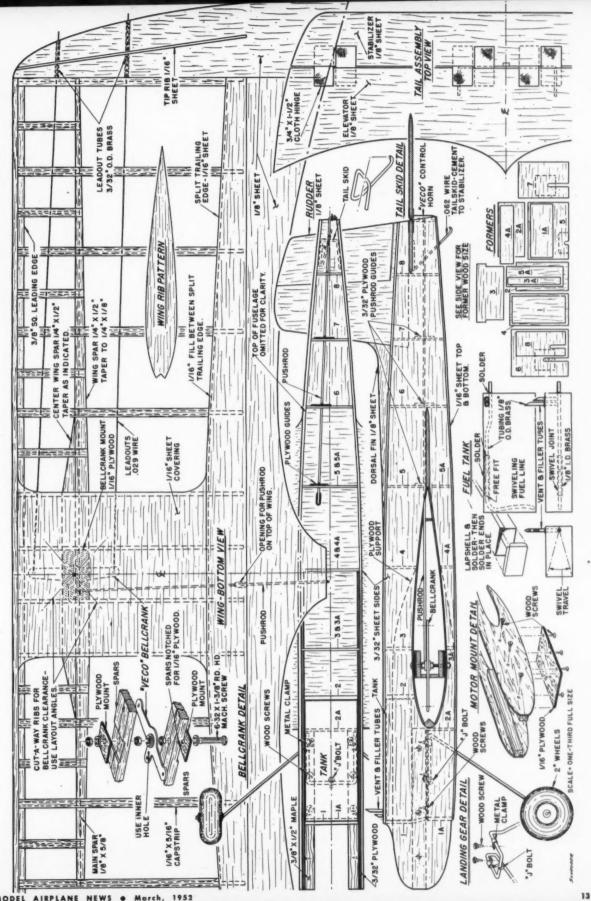
Fly the ship on 50 feet of .010 lines with a .19, or on 60 to 70 feet of .010 with anything bigger.

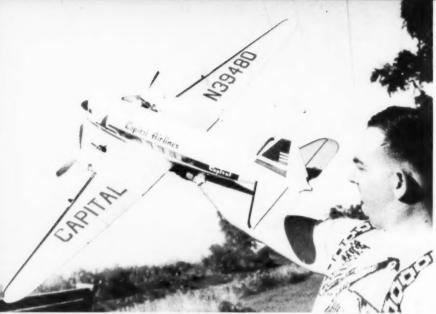
The first time you fly your El Diablo, you should keep in mind a few things. For one thing, this is an all-out competition stunt ship. It is not a sport flying airplane that might let you nap at the controls. Every time you move the handle, the airplane will move—but fast! On the other hand some stunt ships are too easily over-controlled, but if this plane is built closely following the plans, you will find it smooth flying but tight turning.

On your first flight, take off with the wind directly at your back. If you take off down wind, the tail might have a tendency to be pushed under the airplane, resulting in erratic take-off. Taking off into the wind will cause the lines to go slack. First try a few mild climbs and dives, and get the feel of the controls. Next try a few wing overs. Practice these maneuvers until they come automatically. If you have never stunted before, try to find yourself a hayfield or a field with high grass. Let's not kid ourselves, when you are learning to stunt, you are bound to crack up a few times. In soft grass you can pile in any old way and still break nothing more than a prop. In these grassy fields the ship must be hand-launched.

After you get the hang of wingovers, try inside loops, outside loops, then inverted flying. If you can master that much, the rest of the stunts will be easy. It just takes a lot of practice.

As for competition stunt flying, keep your eye on the judge. Make sure he is watching your airplane before you do a maneuver.





Your prize model of the month, said N. Kasiner of Rochester, who took this shot of J. Fordham and DC-3—so it is! Model has interior details, as operating doors, stairs. Sorry, no crewl



Fokker Tripe, by J. Pearson Evans, Ireland



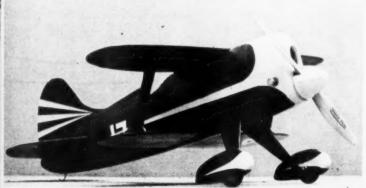
Second prize subscription winner, lovely Hall Racer, Marty Lihl, West New York, N. J. Won first place, 1951 Mirror Meet. Span 27 inches, and Amco 3.5cc.



Third prize subscription winner for workmanship goes to Rene De Guire, of St. Dorothea, Quebec, for Grumman Tigercat Navy fighter.

air ways

Readers' ships prove there is no limit to modeler's imagination.



Made from plans in July 1949 M.A.N. is a Wee Bipe control job for a Cub, by R. Joseph Ransik, Pittsburgh. Wheel pants were added for a realistic touch.



Nifty Ringmaster from October 1951 M.A.N., bui't by Dick Roder, Joliet, III. He used O & R .29 for power. Lookit those stripes.



is finished in scarlet, black crosses on white. Has instruments. Paul Del Gatto of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., developed odd push-pull Wakefield.





Nieuport, S.E. 5, Bob Sherwood; D-7, Art Simmons, Syracuse Controliner's Club. S.E. 5 has OK Twin, D-7 a Forster 99. Relays for throttle, all ships.



Buccaneer, Walt Fitch, Wichita (XB-47 flight test inspection) is 500th model since 1912. Five degree wash out in tip, ignition.



Paul Samaras, Denver, built huge Little Moe, to get most out of .60 engines.



An .045 Monogram Hellcat (planked), Dick Stouffer, Champaign, III.

test The American Junior



Helper about to release the author's K & B 19-powered All-American Senior. Is well prefabbed.



This ship can be assembled for either clockwise, counter flight.



Tip ballast, offsets eliminated, hence maneuverability improved.

by DON GROUT

Test pilot reports that DeBolt's .19 job is smooth, fast, and can hold its own against the 29 stunters. Unique asymmetrical stability really pays off.

▶ Control line has developed extensively in the span of a very few years but outstanding in control line evolution has been stunt. In the beginning, everything was power. You put in a 60 and you had a stunt ship. But stunting has become much more refined, devolping toward ease of handling, grace and precision. A great share of the credit is due such designers and flyers as Lou Andrews, Bob Palmer and Harold DeBolt.

Harold DeBolt has been a top contender in speed and an outstanding designer and manufacturer of speed ships. He holds the National Class D speed record. He became outstanding in the stunt ship manufacturing field with his famous Stuntwagon.

The latest of DeBolt's designs are the top two of the "All American" series, the All American and the All American Sr. manufactured under the name of Dmeco, the DeBolt Model Engineering Company, Williamsville, New York.

Model Engineering Company, Williamsville, New York. With each development and design of a stunt model, the thought is, "how can this be improved?" In the All Americans, we have something different as food for thought: "Asymmetrical Stability." This boils down to putting the fuselage, not in the center, but toward the outside of the wing, making an unbalanced wing, longer on the inside, yet mounting the bellcrank or pivot point to the inside of the center line of the wing. This construction maintains tension on the lines, thus eliminating the necessity of offset rudder and engine and doing away with weight on the outboard wingtip. The advantage is apparent. With the absence of dead weight on the outboard wingtip, the wing loading is reduced and achieves a higher ratio of power to weight. With no engine or rudder offset, there is less drag. These combined factors would allow more speed, if desired,



or a larger plane for a given engine size.

Most stunt ships on the market today are designed around the 29 engines. For this reason, the All American and the new K & B 19 were selected for "We Test"—which gives the 19 enthusiasts a break. Will a well designed 19 ship stack up against the best of the 29's?

The All American is a full fledged stunt job with a wing span of 36", a chord of 8-1/2" and wing area of 300 sq. ins. It has a comparatively short moment arm (pivot point to tail), a Dmeco feature. It is trim lined and very dapper in appearance painted red, white and blue. The plans call for engines of 19 to 32 displacement but with definite recommendation for the smaller size for stunting.

The kit is really prefabricated, not just die-stamped, but completely cut out. Although a formed landing gear is the only hardware included, it is well compensated by the excellent selection of wood and the true cutting of parts; ribs particularly are sharp and identical, which is most im-

portant.

The plans are full size, clear and concise, with wing layout, fuselage top and side views, important cross sections and assembly detail drawings. The beginner may miss step-by-step instruction and bellcrank detail but for anyone who has bullt a plane or two, the notes are more than adequate. And after all, the *All American* would be "hot" for a beginner's first ship.

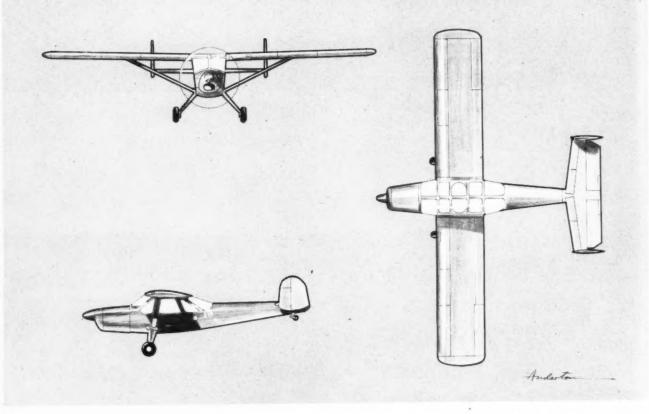
The details of different engine installations are good and recommendations of props for different engines, line sizes and necessary accessories are very helpful. The Dmeco hinge construction is one of the best and simplest. The writer has used this on practically all ships since it was first encountered on the *Stuntwagon*. The landing gear

is preshaped dural, very rugged and fastened first to hard-wood, then to the motor mounts. This landing gear design involves no problem in interfering with tank space as some wire gears do. The motor mount, being of minimum length for better stunting, may cause difficulty with larger engines if more than 9" props are desired. One important point frequently overlooked is provision for clockwise or counter-clockwise flying construction, but it has not been overlooked in the All American.

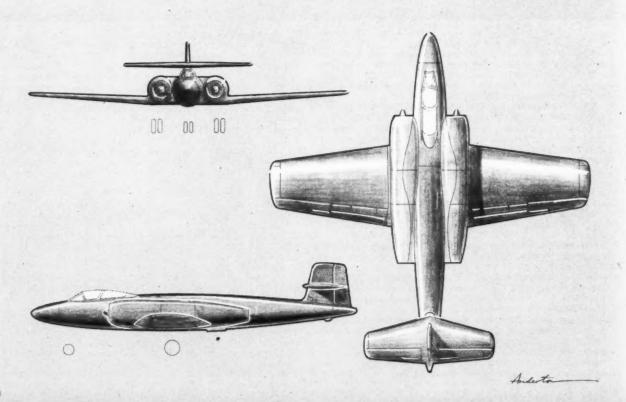
Dope dry, engine installed per instructions, the ship balances slightly forward of the point designated but we'll try it as is. This is the moment you wait for and hold your breath. We are using a K & B 19, K & B Supersonic 100 fuel, Tornado 9-5 prop, 60 foot lines. The plane weighs in complete with engine, ready to fly at 25 oz. We have a note "model designed for clockwise flight for best results," so, being skeptical of all new developments as most everyone is, we added 1/2 oz. only to the outside wingtip and a very slight engine offset (no rudder offset). Both of the above can be removed after the initial flight. The next question

is, "how will she fly?"

Back again and frozen. It was certainly given a test. Cold!
Wind about 30 miles an hour, not steady but in gusts. The engine barked a couple of times then grabbed like a veteran. The test model eased off the ground with practically no roll and leveled off as steady as a sitting duck. The first flight was a preliminary feeling out. Nice on response but fast overhead, plenty of pull. Loops a little wobbly. Inverted, steady and smooth. Back on the ground and a couple of changes. Slight weight at the tail to bring the balance where the plans called for. A Top Flite 9-6 prop. That 1/2 oz. weight off the (Continued on page 48)



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All-weather fighters are spotlighted this month. One is a novel modification of the Scorpion, the other, Britain's twin-jet Gloster delta-wing fighter.

▶ March winds and April showers are a wonderful way to start one thinking about the problems of bad-weather flying—and fighting. It's no cinch to go up to hunt a bomber or fighter in weather when the birds are walking; even the mess of navigational and search radar and other gear can't help the pilot avoid the feeling of flying through another world of grey mist, or black night. So one of the phases of aeronautics that always draws a lot of study is that all-weather problem.

And for the moment, we are concerned with all-weather fighting. This is because we are in the midst of a dress rehearsal for a possible war, an air war in which all-weather operations must become routine for the side that wants to win.

(All-weather, incidentally, is the latest designation for the type of airplane that was called night-fighter at the end of World War II.)

This month, there are two new prospective stars in the night sky—one American and the other British. The first is a modification of a proven craft; the second is a new design. Here's what they are like.

▶ Northrop F-89D—The Scorpion, thin-winged denizen of the upper atmosphere, appears in a new revised form, with unique armament. In the place of conventional wingtip tanks, the F-89D carries a pair of rocket launchers. And to aim and fire them, the Scorpion has a brain—a little black box which locates the enemy in its electronic eye and then kicks him in the tail with a brace of rockets.

The good news about this craft is that the Air Force, which has been pleased about the performance of its earlier models in the field, has told Northrop to go ahead and bang them out. The first model has been completed at the plant in Hawthorne, Calif., and flight tests are proceeding apace.

This wingtip rocket deal is not the only change made in the Scorpion D. The pictures look as if the nose has been lengthened and made more round at the tip. (This could be due to the addition of the gun-aiming and firing radar equipment.) And the external hinge-balance fittings which were so prominent on the earlier models are now as conspicuous by their absence.

The story also is that more fuel has been added; earlier models had a 16-tank system. Four of these cells were in the fuselage, and 12 in the wings—six per panel, of course. Just where extra fuel might have been added is somewhat of a mystery, because the "extra" would have to make up for the old wingtip tanks and more besides.

For dimensions, write these down: span, 56' 2"; length, 53' 4"; and overall height, 17' 7". (Continued on page 41)



Gloster GA-5, top, can mount any engine of the foreseeable future, according to the manufacturer. Above-Max Holste MH-152, a French light plane.



Spanning 22 inches, our Tri-Pacer proved plenty het on power specified. Paint job is overall sky blue with yellow trim, numerals from Trim Film.

A smart model of a smart airplane, the popular Piper Tri-Pacer. Power is an .074 Cub.

▶ Designed for AA work, our model spans 22" and sports an area of approximately 85 square inches, with a Cub. .074 up front. This installation proved to be plenty hot.

Construction is simple with the full size plans. The fuselage is first. The sides are cut from 1/16" medium hard sheet balsa. Cut to outline shown, then slice along the length of the fuselage. Formers D, E, and F are formed from 1/16" sheet (note grain); firewall B is formed from 1/8" plywood. Cement D and E in position, then F. Cement the fuselage halves together at the tail end. Firewall B is now added and cemented securely in place. While the fuselage is left to dry, the landing gear is formed. The strut is one piece of .032 aluminum sheet and trimmed to proper outline. A 1/16" diameter hole is drilled to receive the axle and a 1/8" hole at the top for the one-piece brace. Two 5-40 holes are also drilled for fastening of the gear. The brace and axle are formed from one piece of 1/16" wire. Assemble the two units by pressing the wire ends into the proper holes.

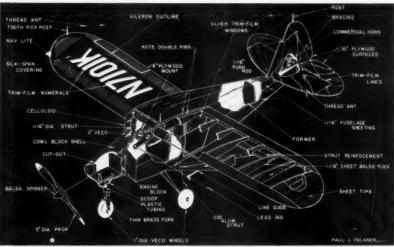
Cement the 1/8" plywood bellcrank platform and bolt the 2" Veco bellcrank in place. A hard balsa block is cemented to the firewall to carry the engine. For a different engine choice, a different engine mounting arrangement must be worked out. Install the fuel tank as shown after which the lower portion of the fuselage can be covered with 1/16" sheet balsa. Note that grain runs across fuselage. Cement a strip of balsa to the floor of the cabin and forward of former D. The main gear is then bolted to this cross piece using 5-40 nuts and bolts; cement nuts securely.

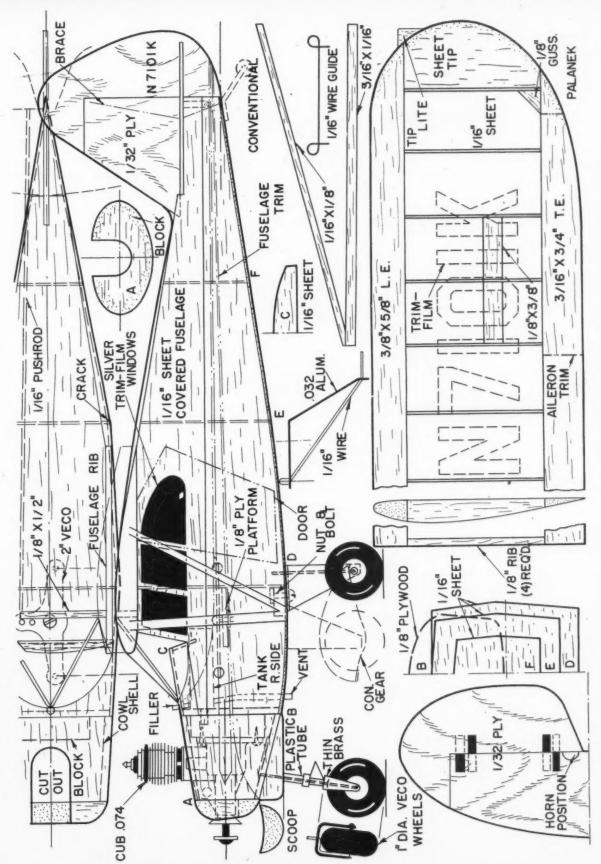
The tail surfaces are made from 1/32" plywood. Cut to shapes shown and note that elevator control is on right half only. The rudder and fin are made in one piece, then cut along the hinge line. Break and cement as shown. With the cloth hinges and horn added, the elevator and stab assembly can be cemented in place. When properly dried, the rudder is added next.

With the tail assembly in place, cut holes in the three aft formers, and slip in place the pushrod, which comes through the fuselage on the right side. Solder all loose ends. The lead-ins are .032 wire; form a hook on one end and solder to the crank. Cabin former C is added along with the forward top sheeting. The cabin ribs which are placed just above the cabin are cut and shaped from 1/8" sheet balsa; cement these ribs (Continued on page 44)



Paul and test model. Shadow effect on numerals attained from red, on top of white numbers.



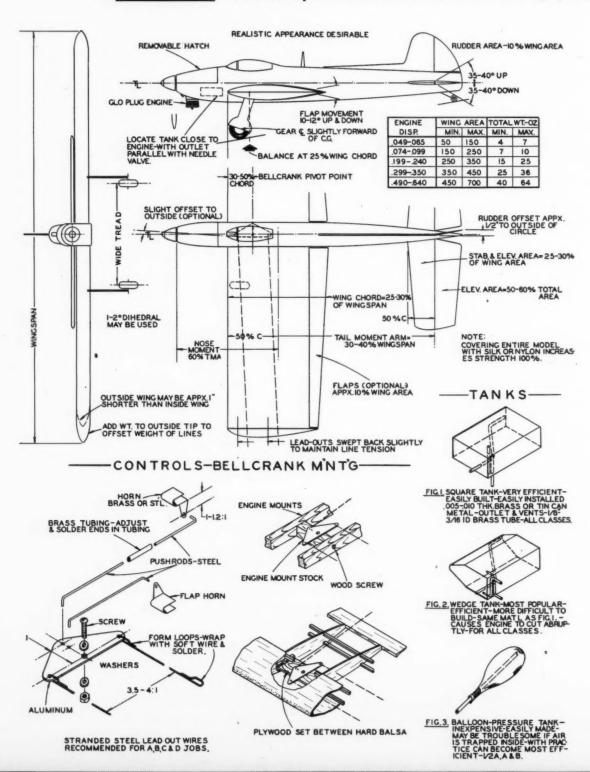


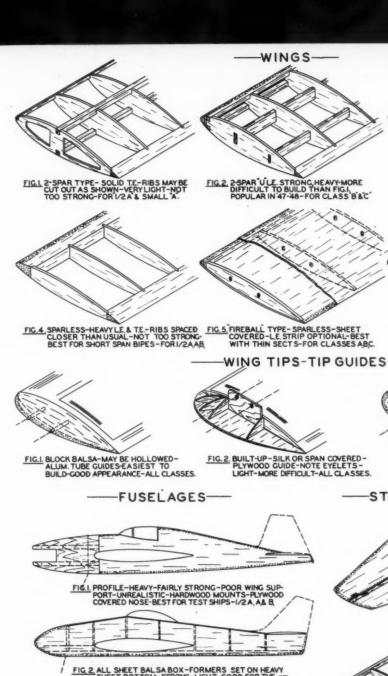
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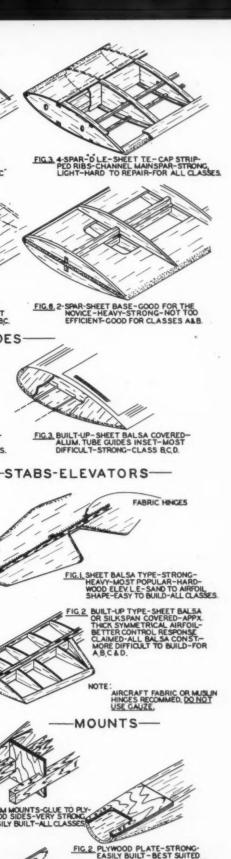
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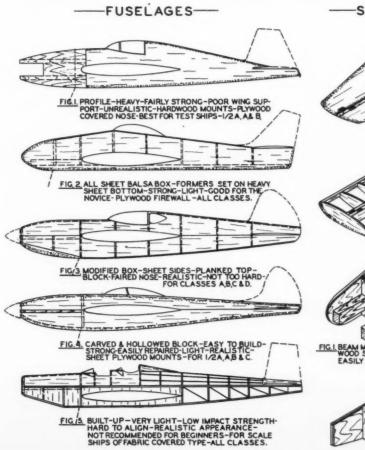
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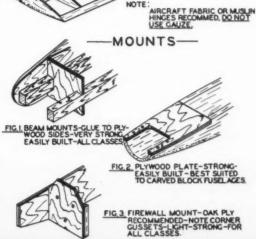
Everybody wants to stunt. But the design must be right or it's no dice. With this dope, you can turn out a job that will fly with the best. You can make one by spring.









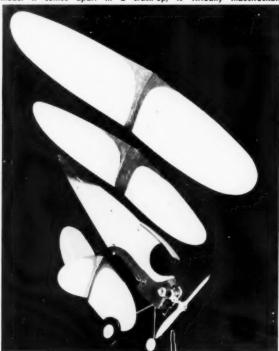


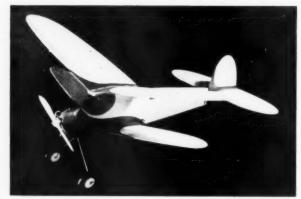


play plane



Climbing high into mild headwind, the Play Plane shows off tricky lines. It has proved an ability to soar so dethermalizer is a must. Below — This job can be toted around in a box. Like a contest model it comes apart in a crack-up, is virtually indestructible.





Both the top and bottom wings attach with hold-on rubber bands.

by DICK STRUHL

This all-balsa biplane won't win beauty and endurance events but you can take it out to the field week after week for all the fun flying you can take. For smaller engines, it looks like a plane!

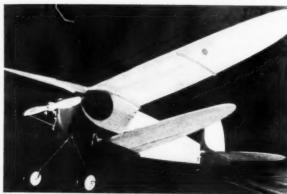
▶ Construction is entirely from sheet balsa. The wing span of 27" is just about the limit you can go in single-surface sheet-balsa wings. There have been rare occasions, when flying in a relatively high wind, just after launching when a sudden gust of cross wind would wash-out the top wing and spin the model in. But the damage has always been negligible. Crash shock is quickly dissipated through the flexible structures. This last cannot be claimed by a 1951 Ford that was the terminus of one of these spins.

In calm or moderate winds this model performs very consistently and flights are very stable and predictable. A pop-up tail or a spinning glide trim are necessities for it only took one or two flights to make us realize that the slightest thermal or breeze would take this model O.O.S.

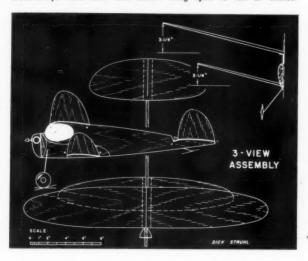
The construction is simple with the help of the full size plans.

The fuselage is cut from firm but not rock hard balsa 1/4" thick. Since the width is greater than most hobby shops stock, chances are you will have to butt two pieces together to form the necessary 4-1/16" width. This is alright as long as the butt is a good joint. Apply a small cement skin along the joint for extra measure. Cut out the portion beneath the lower wing and save. Note that the fuselage ends at the firewall. The portion forward of the firewall is merely fairing and is added after the engine is in place.

Cut the firewall from plywood and cement in place. The mounting holes shown are for the little *Spitifire* mounted on its side. Drill holes for your individual engine and cement the proper nuts behind the firewall for mounting. When the cement has set, install your engine and then add the balsa fairing blocks behind the firewall. Be sure the firewall has the proper downthrust. Sidethrust can be altered on your engine nuts. Drill 1/8" diameter holes as indicated in the plans and add the 1/8" dowel rubber hooks.



Worm's eye view isn't bad either. Wing span is full 27 inches.



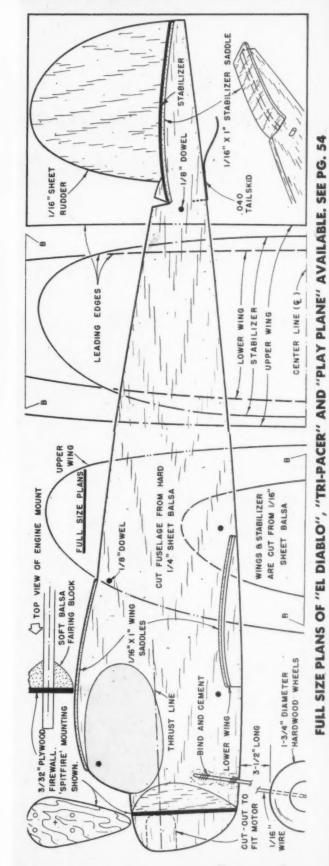
The wing saddles are 1/16" x 1" wide sheet balsa with the grain running span-wise. Make as long as necessary. Pin and cement the saddles in position. The stabilizer saddle is made in the same manner.

The stabilizer and both wings are cut from 1/16" sheet balsa "A" stock. Do not use quarter grained or speckled balsa here as it splits too easily on a curve. Note that the stabilizer is cut from one piece of balsa. While for the wings, make two of each as shown, turn one over and you have a right and a left half.

The camber is formed very simply. Decide which are going to be your top surfaces. Lay them on the working board and carefully brush a coat of warm water over the first two-thirds of the chord from the leading edge. The water should swell the top surface and form the necessary camber. Note that the camber is rather shallow. If the sheet balsa is too stiff, apply a coat of thin clear dope on the UNDER surface of the wing or stabilizer to correspond the water on the top surface. The dope contracts when it dries and will pull the under side together.

Cut the rudder to the shape shown from 1/16" sheet balsa. Cement the stabilizer to the rudder. The rudder will keep the proper camber in the stabilizer. Trim the center of the wings so that they will form the proper dihedral angle and cement together. Apply several coats of cement at the dihedral joint to form a cement skin. And for added strength we recommend cementing a 1" wide band of silk over the joint. The upper wing has a 1/16" x 1" wide balsa plate cemented to the underside to correspond to the wing saddle. Add small wedges of scrap balsa to close in this plate. The lower wing has the same type of plate added to the upper surface over the dihedral joint. These can be seen in the photographs. The stabilizer does not have this plate as it rests directly upon the saddle.

Bend the landing gear to (Continued on page 41)



YOU GOTTA STAY WITH IT!

ho to fly a rubber job

Using a robot camera, Artie Silberberg took this entire series of shots during single flight.



1. Check that chuck winder to see that the hook can't pull loose.



· 2. And double check it! For big jobs you need a heavy duty winder.



3. Insert winding hook through the prop loop. That's Bob Hatschek.



4. Stretch rubber five times ordinary length. Note holder's grip.



5. Put on 50% of the turns, then walk in slowly, still winding.



6. Keep coming in slowly until the full winds have been reached.



7. Insert nose plug. White spot on fuse is identification label.



8. Insert the thrust adjustment. Once known, make it permanent one.



9. Lighting the dethermalizer fuse. Any good model must have one.



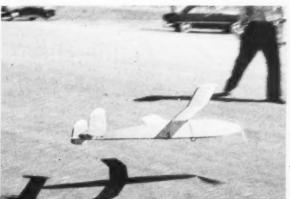
10. Bob extends the retractable landing gear. Busy man, isn't he?



11. Check wind quickly and set model down on runway for take-off.



12. For a Wakefield, might as well practice prop, wingtip launch.



13. Airborne and wheel up. You are not a modeler 'til you fly one!

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by Russ Nichols and Carl Wheeley



Insurance people say most cases arise from parking down wind on ff areas. Note fuse for pop-up wing, rubber job held by Andy Petersen.

World-wide Air Force Championships announced • AA Carrier Event rumored by Navy • Election of officers is in full swing • Contests

AIR FORCE CONTINUES MODEL BUILDING PRO-GRAM. Already underway are plans for the 1952 Air Force World Wide Model Airplane Championships for members of the regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve, AFUS, and Air National Guard personnel on active duty. Named again as project officer for the Air Force Model Aviation Activity is 1st Lt. Harry G. Vogler, USAF, now stationed at Amarillo AFB, Texas.

Details on how airmen can become eligible to participate in the Air Force Championships to be held at Amarillo AFB from July 9 through 15 are nearly the same as last year. First step is the participation in elimination contests at Base level which are scheduled to be held at most U.S. Air Force Bases throughout the world on or about the June 14:15 weekend. The top men in the Base meets may then fly in Command championships, tentatively scheduled from June 23 to 28. The fifteen best modelers at each Command Championship (18 Commands in all) will then be sent to Amarillo for the big meet. From the winners at the Air Force Championships, a 25-man team will be chosen to represent the Air Force at the National Model Airplane Championship which is open to all AMA licensed flyers.

This Air Force program is, according to officials, "Specifically designed to further the development of model airplane building and to encourage participation in the recreational model airplane phase of the AF Hobby Shop

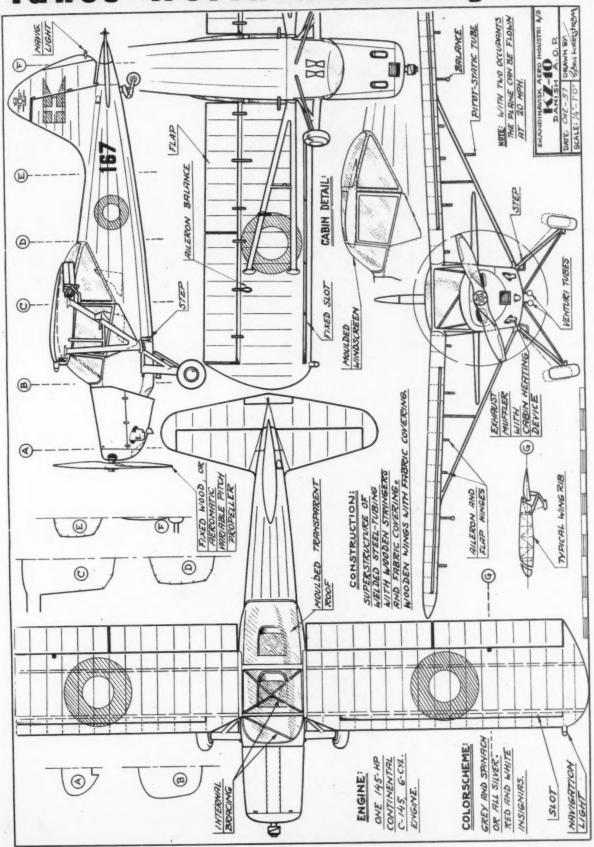
A large number of events are planned for the Air Force Championships: AA, A, B, and C ROG-type free flight gas; AA, AB, and C ROW free flight gas; unlimited, Wakefield, and flying scale rubber; hand-launched and towline glider; A, B, C, D, and jet control line speed; combat; AB and CD stunt; control line flying scale; team racing; radio control; beauty PAA Load; and Clipper Cargo.

NAVY CARRIER EVENT. Rumor has it that the Navy is planning on expanding their Carrier Event at the Nationals to include a separate class for AA models. If (Continued on page 47) adopted, it is expected that

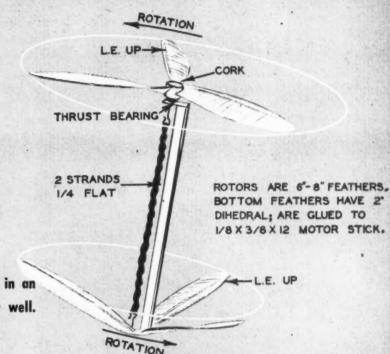


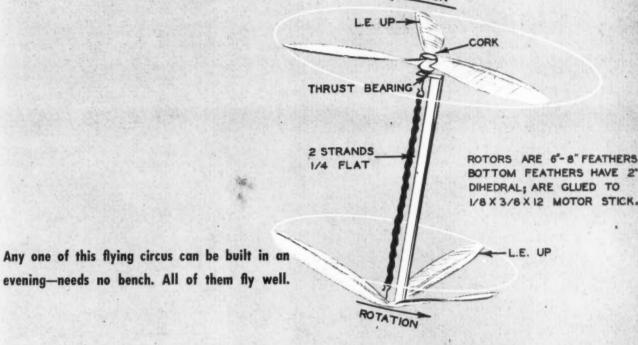


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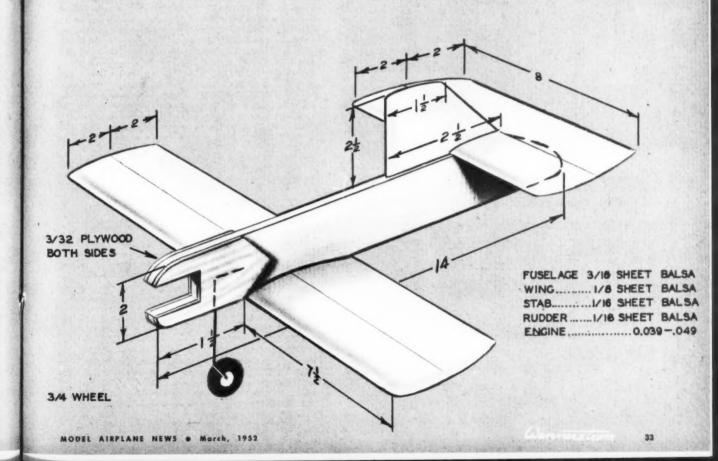




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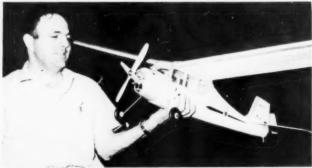


THE JAVELIN



H. A. Thomas launches the Javelin. Hank, in eclipse is at the transmitter.

Winding up the construction, the author checks us out on test flying, handling the radio, more advanced maneuvers and even some aerobatics.



Hank approves the Walker "slow motion" prop as the answer on power tests.

by HANK BOURGEOIS

▶ Last month we discussed construction of the fuselage and installation of the Ruddervator. Before installation of the radio components, let's finish the wing. The NACA 4412 airfoil section is suitable for fast flying models and has a good all-around performance. The thickness-chord ratio is 12 per cent, allowing fairly deep spars to carry the weight. The center of pressure is at 31 per cent of the chord at CL maximum, and its movement is small, helping the longitudal stability. Since the undercamber is very small, for ease of construction and covering, the bottom of the section is made flat. It has been impossible to tell the difference in performance between a flat bottom NACA 4412 and a normal NACA 4412. Experience with this airfoil has proven its worth.

The wing ribs are cut from 1/16" medium hard sheet balsa; 28 are required. Note how the trailing edge must be tapered to complete the airfoil. Build the wing on a flat board. The bottom spars are pinned in place, the ribs cemented to them, then the top spar is added. The leading and trailing edges are next cemented in place. It will be necessary to block up the leading edge with small scrap blocks. When the wing structure has dried, remove the wing from the board and shape the leading edge to fit the airfoil, then cover the top of the leading edge with 1/16" sheet balsa. The 1/16" plywood center section braces should be cut, noting that each wing requires nine degrees of dihedral. Block up the wingtips to the nine degrees and add the center section plywood braces. Cover the center section, top and bottom with 1/16" sheet balsa. Slice off the angled trailing edge and shape the bottom of the tip ribs to fair smoothly into the trailing edge. The cut-away wingtips give washout on both tips, and delay the wingtip stall. By delaying the wingtip stall till after the center section stalls, a straight follow through on stalls is accomplished, and the ship will not fall off on a wing. More on this later under test flight procedures. Cover the wing with heavy Silkspan and give three coats of clear dope. On the fuselage, the bottom of the wing should be parallel to the bottom longeron of the fuselage. This will actually give the wing about two degrees positive incidence.

Every experienced radio control flier will tell you one of the secrets of successful flying is through a proven radio installation. Keep all wires as short as possible, yet keep the wiring and batteries as far from the receiver as possible. This is a contradiction, and therefore must be compromised. The wiring diagram is shown. Note that there is a common point (called a GROUND) for all wiring circuits. This circuit, made known to your author by John Worth of Control Research, tends to prevent interaction of the wiring and gives better receiver efficiency. It will help cure the majority of poor radio installations. The five prong jack and plug allow removal of the receiver from the ship and is a valuable addition. It can be purchased from a local radio supply house for a few centre.

for a few cents.

The 45-volt battery should be installed against the 1/8" plywood landing gear former. A pair of Burgess K15E, 22½-volt hearing aid batteries, connected in series to give 45 volts, can be used. They are larger than necessary and will take many hours of flying and testing. We make a practice of installing them permanently in the ship, a slight charge from one of Herb Owbridge's battery charger keeps them in top shape. (See M.A.N. March '49 for a description of the battery charger.)

For convenience in wiring, remove the 3/16" sheet balsa section from the fuselage just in front of the switch panel. Leave long enough leads on the 45-volt batteries to reach the switches. Mount the two battery cases on the battery platform and cut a small hole for the five prong jack. Follow the wiring diagram closely. Keep all wires short, leaving just enough

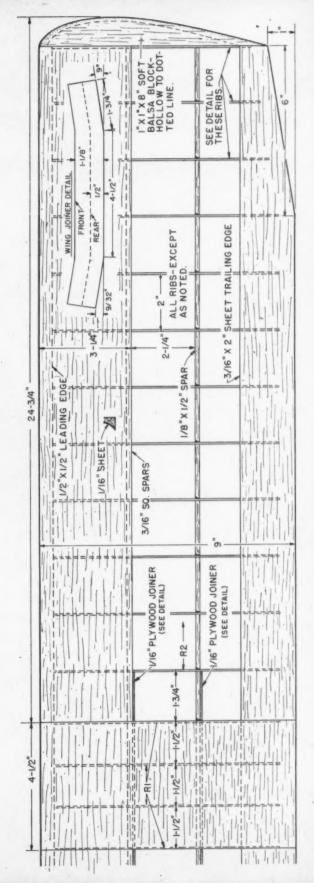
slack to absorb vibration. After completion of wiring, check carefully for accuracy, mount the switches, variable resister, and meter jack to the plywood switch panel, and cement panel in place on the side of the fuselage. Replace the 3/16" sheet balsa section. The receiver is suspended from 1/16" wire hooks inside the cabin. These hooks should be double cemented and bound to the fuselage with thread. The antenna for the RK 61 receiver is a piece of wire about 30" long. It should run from the receiver to top of cabin through a small hole just behind the wing mount dowel, and then to the top of rudder. NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK EVERYTHING. Recheck wiring for accuracy and poor solder joints, install receiver and operate with transmitter, wind the rubberband on the Ruddervator and make sure receiver operates it properly. Walk about 100 yards away from the transmitter and check receiver operation. If there is any doubt about not having 100 per cent perfect operation, now is the time to get the bugs out. Follow the radio manufacturer's directions for checks and adjustments. If the receiver works satisfactory alone but not with the Ruddervator turned on, it means the two twisted wires running from the plug to the ruddervator are too close to the antenna of the receiver and must be rerouted along the bottom stringer. If this doesn't help, run the antenna to the tip of the stabilizer. Usually one or both of these adjustments will cure the trouble. In stubborn installations it will be necessary to run the antenna to wingtip; avoid this if possible to keep from having to attach and detach antenna every time wing is removed. Try reversing the polarity of the filaments batteries; in some cases this helps.

With the radio installation operating satisfactory, we are ready to button up the fuselage. Install the plastic windshield and windows, use a medium heavy grade as it will add strength to the fuselage. Cover the fuselage with heavy Silkspan and give three coats of clear dope. When choosing a color scheme, try to avoid metalic paints. Although metalic paint will not effect every case of radio reception, it is a possibility and should be avoided.

The Ruddervator control tab dimensions are shown on the plans; general layout can be determined from the photo. For reliable operation, this tab should be balanced. Notice how the tab is offset on its shaft, and how the short side has one edge bent down. This is necessary to make the tab rotate in the slipstream. Off-setting the tab unbalances it and it must be carefully balanced with small bits of lead.

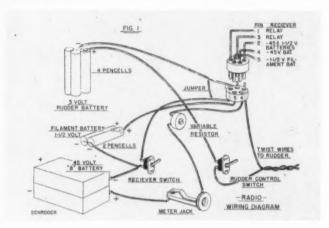
For test flights an anti-thrust, or Slo-motion, metal prop is used. This prop is made from 1/16" sheet aluminum, fits behind the wooden prop and is used to destroy forward-thrust. Glow plug engines cannot be throttled down and run efficiently, so what we do is run them at high rpm and destroy the thrust of the prop with the anti-thrust device. Since the metal prop actually pushes, the blades are bent opposite to a tractor prop. About 1/8" will be enough.

For pre-test flight glides remove the receiver. The first glide is the hardest. For a modeler not used to heavy wing loading, the best procedure is to hold the airplane under the CG, run forward until the model feels light and give a shove forward. Don't be afraid to push, just keep the nose down. What we want is a fast glide with no tendency to stall or mush. Rereat the glides until satisfied. Add incidence to flatten and extend glide, remove incidence to get rid of stall or mushy nose high glide. While making these glides adjust rudder tab for straight flight. Install the receiver, and set up the transmitter as if for a power flight. Repeat the glides, and have someone key the transmitter to give rudder control just before ship touches ground. If there is a positive nose up tendency, remove some incidence. With the rudder control applied in the glide, the ship should start a turn without nosing up. All models built of

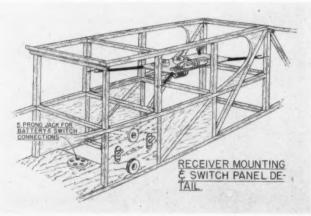




Close-up of Ruddevator which permits advanced maneuvers; various escapements can be substituted. For "23" owners a 10×6 prop on backwards is plenty.



The installation of the Javelin's radio is a beautiful, practical job which all prospective radio fliers should save for future reference.



the Javelin required zero side-thrust; for the first flight it will be safe to adjust for no side-thrust.

Radio control fliers will argue to judgment day about making the first flight empty, or with the radio installed. I personally prefer the radio installed; it has saved many a radio ship from first flight crash. For an inexperienced flier though, I recommend the first flight be made without radio. Here are the odds. On first flight without radio, the ship either crashes or it doesn't, a 50-50 proposition. With radio installed it either crashes (in spite of radio), flies okay, or can be saved by radio control, a two-to-one chance. However, the inexperienced radio flier may get excited and apply the wrong turn and cause a crash instead of a save, so the odds are back to 50-50.

The first flight should be made on a calm day if possible. Use enough fuel to give about 30 seconds of engine run. Watch carefully for turns under power and in the glide. The ship should be trimmed for straight flight under power and in the glide.

Pre-flight radio check is rigid and should be closely followed before each flight. Check wiring for loose or frayed connections, measure all battery voltages with the receiver operating. A reasonably accurate meter should be used for these checks. The manufacturer's procedure for tuning the receiver should be followed. Check the number of turns in the rubberband operating the Ruddervator. Check control tab for free rotation, and the Ruddervator for operation with the receiver. Finally check the radio operation with the motor running. The receiver mounting rubberbands may be too tight and transmit engine vibration to the receiver relay, causing faulty operation.

For first radio controlled flight the engine run should be at least 30 seconds and not more than 60 seconds. To gauge the engine runs we use a fuel pump can; five squirts into the tank gives us about 30 seconds of adjusting on the ground and 60 seconds in the air. Nine squirts give us about four minutes engine run, and so on. Check your own pump can for running time. Start the engine, check operation of the controls, and then have a helper hand-launch into the wind. About this time the flier has a lump in his throat and his heart beats louder than the engine; I know, it happens to me all the time. Just remember, if you get confused, turn off the radio transmitter and just watch. The worse that can happen is a long chase. Allow the model to climb to at least 100 feet before applying rudder. Make small turns to observe effectiveness of the control tab. If there is a tendency to snap roll or whip over into a tight bank, use extreme caution until ship lands, then decrease the area of the control tab. Practice S turns the first few flights. When the engine cuts, try to land the ship into the wind. Chances are you will overcontrol on the first few flights, or the ship may land far off. Don't be discouraged; it takes 10 to 20 flights to get used to the control and to overcome nervousness. Increase the engine run to two minutes and continue to make short flights; stick to turns of 180 degrees or less for the first few flights. Note how holding the rudder for 90 degrees will give a 180 degree turn, holding for 45 degrees will give a 90 degree turn.

The control box used is nothing more than a small aluminum box with a eight-pole rotary switch installed inside. The four sides of the box represent the control positions, the four corner positions are the neutral positions. A small handle on the front can be turned (always clockwise) to point to the control positions. The Ruddervator will follow the control handle. With the control handle pointed up, the Ruddervator selector will stop on up. Note that the control box sequence and ruddervator sequence of controls must synchronize. To synchronize in the air or on the ground, apply a control position on control bex, observe the flight results on the plane or position of the control tab. Now rotate the control box until the handle points to the control position coinciding with the maneuver of the ship. For instance the ship is in

the air about a quarter of a mile away, and you believe you are out of "sync." Apply a control position on the control box. Let's suppose it's the down position, but the ship turns to the left, so you rotate the control box until the handle points left, you are now back in "sync." Flying can also be done with a simple push button to key the transmitter; however, the pilot will have to remember the control sequence in his head.

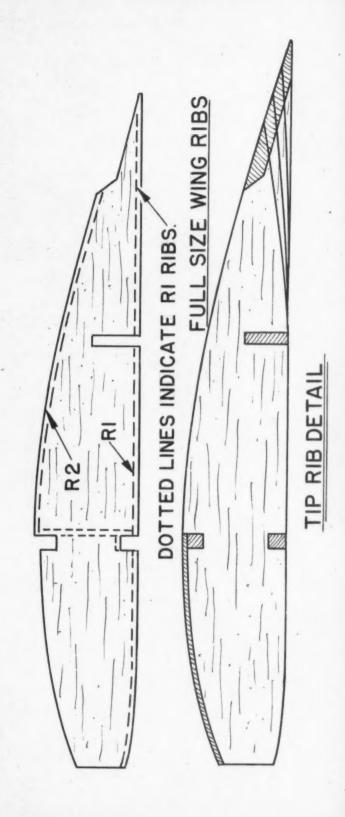
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After a little experienced is gained in the primary stage of simple turns, it is time to progress to the intermediate stage of flight training. During this phase concentrate on flying square patterns, both left and right, practice figure eights, spiral dives, and spot landings. Don't be just another pilot hanging on to a button, be the boss, make the model do what you want. Do you think it's easy to make a good smooth figure eight? Well just give it a try. Use a seven or eight minute engine run for these flights. Practice your turns as the model climbs, concentrate on stopping turns with the model ending on desired headings. Remember, you have to release the turn control before the model reaches the desired heading. In addition, if a 360 degree turn is desired, you have to blip or pulse the right rudder position. Hold right rudder until the nose starts to drop, then release. Now apply right rudder again, keep blipping the control until the ship approaches the desired heading. By this time enough altitude will be reached for a spiral dive. Hold right rudder, the nose will begin to drop and finally the ship is in a screaming spiral dive. Three turns are plenty, release the rudder control, the ship will pull itself out and climb sharply, finally stalling. Note the number of turns it takes to recover from the point of released control, and also the heading.

A spot landing that really comes close is one of the hardest and most satisfying maneuvers to perform. It takes practice and plenty of head work. The secret is to follow a definite landing pattern each attempt. One method that gives consistently good results, I call the Point X-Ray approach. Point X-Ray is directly over the desired landing spot about 150 feet. The object is to pass through Point X-Ray headed into the wind, then start a series of four left-hand turns (the old square pattern). Loose altitude going crosswind on the first leg; the downwind leg should be short. Watch the wind drift on this one. The third leg, crosswind again, brings the model back toward the landing spot. Here is where pilot headwork comes into play. If you have too much altitude, then go past the spot and loose a little more. This will require an S turn to the landing. With too little altitude, cut across the corner to shorten the flight path. The perfect pattern will place the ship about 50 feet downwind from the spot and five feet off the ground. You think it won't reach? Remember your ace in the hole, the elevator. About one foot off the ground apply up elevator and the ship will flare out and plunk in three point right on the spot. It takes many practice flights to come consistently close, but the results are

Advanced stage practice involves wingovers, loops, and immelmans. Before performing these maneuvers the front edge of the Ruddervator should be raised 1/8" as described in last month's article. It may be necessary to use a slightly larger control tab. Try a test flight with the old one first; if control response is not enough make a larger control tab. Use a 10minute engine run for these flights and get a lot of altitude. Try the loop first. Apply down control. The ship will nose down into a 45 degree dive and build up speed. Notice that as speed is built up the dive angle decreases. Allow the ship to lose a couple of hundred feet of altitude, release the down and apply up. If enough speed was built up the ship will go over in a neat round loop. It will be necessary to hold the up all the way through the loop, releasing (Continued on page 44) when the ship is almost





It takes all kinds of opinions to make the modeling world go round.

Plenty of Nothing
I'm asking a very big favor. I'm an American, a native of New York. I lived there in North Belimore, Nassau County, Long Island, New York; at 11 years, I left my country and now I live in the Republic of San Marino, Italy, I, who in America had all the modeler's stuff I needed at hands reach, found myself in a country where, when the people see a in a country where, when the people see a little glider, look with four eyes. You can surely imagine the situation: no other modeler, no balsa, no motors, no dope, no Silkspan, with which to cover and make a model. I made a little glider; this is what I used: hardwood, pieces of plywood put in hot water and split in three pieces; glue made of celluloid and acetone; paper, the lightest I could find, and for colored dope, I used colored celluloid and acetone with a few drops castor oil.

Now I'm not the only modeler, but I and my eight San Marino friends don't know vet with what to make models. I ask you, and all my brother modelers, to give a response to their plea; anything is good for us: wood, paper, glue, paint, everything. If every modeler gives his response with only a piece of balsa, in the end, we'll have balsa enough for plenty of models. I invite my former friends of Long Island to help me and my new friends

Wishing you will accept this plea, I and my friends: Victor and Feroly Casdi, Pete Narri, Loue Noloroin, Saetano Nauzoin, and my brother Henry, thank you.

Daminico Bruschi Republic of San Marino, Citta, Italy

Everybody, Hit the Silk! Enclosed is photo of my B-36D. It is pow-ered with six Cub .099 engines and four Jetex 50 engines in the jet pods (pellets soaked in oil to leave white vapor trail).

It is right to scale, except pods which are slightly enlarged to take Jetex engines. The wingspan is slightly over five feet, and model weighs slightly over five pounds.

Model takes off after one and one-quarter circles (scale take-off nose wheel off all the way), is very stable, and handles beautifully. Will maintain altitude on three engines.

Donald T. Dion

Lynn, Massachusetts

Wagner Was Right
The model shown in the picture was inspired by the picture of a Veco stunter with

Joseph Wagner's article in the March issue. was so struck by the appearance of this job that I immediately set about designing a similar one for my Atwood Champ. It has turned out a huge success, flying characteristics are very good, and it is extremely pleasant to handle. For this I give full credit to the Champ, and the Walker pressure tank and regulator with which it is fitted. Points which may interest you are detachable wing and the shrouded hinge I developed for the 3/4' thick tail surfaces. This latter adds greatly to the neatness of the tail.

> P. Barlow Cheshire, England

Line Forms to the Right

I'd like to let you know how much I enjoyed the visit to M.A.N. last weekend. Both Jim Lang and I were pleasantly surprised to find that our conceptions of editorial policies and attitudes were quite mistaken. It's good to know that one does not have to be either an established-contributor or a per-ennial contest winner in order to rate consideration.

I've never considered submitting a design to the magazines, but if I ever should, it will with considerably more optimism than I had before the visit.

By the way, if you hear a dull thud some-time this weekend, that will probably by my new .23-powered re job making a "bad land-

> Ed Smull Washington, D. C.

Thirty-two Coats Yet

I am enclosing a picture of my Pitts Special built from a Berkeley kit. Just two days before I left for basic training in the Air Force, I put the last coat of wax on it. . . . I have en building gas models for nine years and this Pitts is my latest one. .

The model has 32 coats of hand rubbed dope, power is a Fox 35, and it will fly inverted. It took me almost five months to finish the plane. Here's looking forward to seeing your fine model magazine at my next base in Germany.

> Owen D. Vick Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Forty-Was It?-D-VII's

I have just been reading your September issue of M.A.N. and saw your beautiful article about the Fokker D-VII.

For years this plane has captured my imagination and I figure I must have built at least 40 different models of this plane.

My two latest were one of the Cleveland

kit 3/4-1 scale, and by enlarging these plans and making several modifications for u.c., an 1-1 scale model which exceeded my fondest dreams.

C .R. Bancroft Burbank, California

Scale R. C.

May I congratulate you on a mighty swell magazine while putting in my two cents worth for the future? Since all the rage seems to be Radio Control, why not a "You Build It" series in a special section of M.A.N. for

an r/c set and Piper Cub type of airplanes.

I have seen what can be done with a Rockwood Radio Control set and it is hard to believe it. Rudder only! Out of date.

Robert R. Milliron Concord, California

Fugitive From Butterfly Net

Nineteen years ago, your magazine started me building models. At the present time I am a licensed pilot and mechanic. This can be mostly attributed to the incentive you provided me. I have built everything but radio control models and the super slick pftz-z-z's. Super speed I am not interested in. I like to see 'em perform, not hear 'em. Now I am interested in twin and multi-

engined free flight. (This probably explains the guys in the white coats with the butterfly nets following me.) At the present time I have a Grumman XP-50 nine-tenths complete, and a Handley-Page Hulifar under construction and a Dornier 215 on the draw-ing board. I would have liked to build that tri-motored Stinson you featured not long ago, but somehow the magazine vanished.

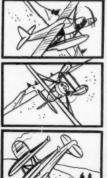
I would like to know what would be an

ideal layout for the Dornier 215, which is nearly complete on the board? By ideal lay-out, I mean airfoil section and tail area. The plans are fully drawn with above exceptions

> Ken Mosby Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

















20 YEARS AGO

The great debate over whether Roy Brown downed Richthofen or ground fire got the German ace as he squirmed his bright red triplane low over the lines to evade Brown's Camel, was settled in March 1932 M.A.N., just twenty years ago, by J. Noble, who turned out a corking story filling in the details of that March 22, 1918 morning. Brown's flight of five Camels had been on bomber escort then caught the dreaded German Flying Circus by surprise.

That March 1932 issue was the second edited by Charlie Grant. Another then-future M.A.N. editor. Howard McEntee, had a featured flying model in the same number, a cute little rubber-powered SE-5. Span was only 16 inches and, like all flying scale jobs of that day, a motor stick was used to carry the strain of the wound rubber motor. Two wire clips, one in front and one in back, inside the fuse-lage, permitted withdrawing the motor stick for winding. Once wound, it could be slid into position, then pushed down into the clips. No one used to dare throw the strain of the rubber on the longerons. But look what they do today!

Air Ways, the popular monthly presentation of pictures of models built by readers, also was two months old exactly twenty years ago, making Air Ways, today, one of the oldest regular features in the model airplane field. Air Ways then embraced "The American Sky Cadets" (Correspondents Wanted) which reported widespread activities. At that time, for example, Irwin Polk was director of the Bamberger Aero Club, Newark, N. J., an active outfit which held virtually every record on the eastern seaboard. If you ever wondered where that title "Air Ways" came from, the March 1932 file copy provides the clue. Under the title "Air—Ways, Here and There," was a subhead that said, "Get busy and 'Air' your 'Ways' of building and flying model planes. Let other's know what you are doing." And that is still the general idea.

Ever since the early pioneers of aviation studied bird wings, designers of both big and little planes were airfoil conscious—they still are! Twenty years ago, Stockton Ferris, best remembered for his series of World War three-views, showed 17 sections with ordinates. The modern "NACA" sections were foreshadowed in that collection by the NACA Munk-8, one of the two convex lower surface sections drawn by Ferris.

A good compressed air engine made the 1932 modeler yearn the way today's scale fan yearns for a rare item like the Elf Four. For 1932 was the depth of the depression and even two-bits worth of material was out of the question for many enthusiasts. Quite a few M.A.N. readers must have drooled over a four-cylinder gem offered by Miniature Aircraft Corp., New Brighton, N. Y. At 1,500 rpm, this engine put out 1/10th horsepower, plenty for a six foot ship. Price was \$5.90.

Cleveland Model & Supply Co., offered a flying model kit of the Keystone Pirate bomber, one of the last of the two motored biplane bombers of the era. Span was 28 inches and two motor sticks were used, one being inserted through each nacelle and reaching almost to the tail. The Great Lakes Sport Trainer appeared in the same ad, also for \$2.50. That Great Lakes, outside of the Curtiss Hawk, probably was the most popular flying scale model of all time. Even today, the same firm has a control line kit of the same job for scale addicts.

That March 1932 cover was a wow of a battle scene by the Australian artist, Gerald Muir. In keeping with the Brown-Richthofen story inside, the painting showed a Sopwith Camel blasting a well-sieved Fokker Triplane. In the background melee, a couple of more Tripes were engaged in violent evasive tactics. As in the westerns, the "good guys" always got the "bad guys!" But Sabres or Migs, Camels or Tripes, the enemy is always dangerous. Both then and now, air supremacy is a compound of plenty of the best planes as well as the best airmen.

The Play Plane

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shape from 1/16" diameter wire. Vary the shape from 1/16" diameter wire. Vary the length to suit the size prop you intend to use. Note that the wire runs up the side of the fuselage, through it, and down on the other side. Bind and cement the gear to the fuselage. Sew the thread right through the fuselage and around the wire. Wheel size and shape is optional but we used large 1-3/4" diameter hardwood flats.

The entire model is given one very thin coat of clear hot fuel proofer that has had a little castor oil added to make it more plastic. Paint the cabin black for realism and

add whatever trim color you desire.

Before attempting power flights, glide the model a few times without the prop in place. model a few times without the prop in place.
Correct the glide path with changes in the
stabilizer incidence or by small weights.
Power adjustments are made by altering the
thrust line with the aid of shims or thin
washers. The original model climbed in large
left circles (with torque) and at a very sharp angle. The angle of climb did vary directly as the wind. Anything over a five mile wind and the model looked as if it were going straight up.

Planes in the News

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Gross weight tops 40,000 lb. Engines are by Allison—they are J-35 turbojets with afterburners.

For performance, the Air Force gives us the same old razzle-dazzle—over 600 mph, and operations above the 40,000 ft. level. Leave us hope, to use the vernacular, that those figures are really well over 600 and 40,000.

Gloster GA 5—And on the other side of the

Big Pond, the British have rung up another notable first. They've flown the world's first notable first. They've nown the world's first twin-jet delta-wing fighter, the little Gloster GA 5. (Delta-wing means that the shape of the wing, when you look down on it, is triangular with the point first. It's one solution to the problems of flight at very high speeds around those of sound. But it's not a cure-all
—so don't expect to see the sky full of those

strange craft.)
The GA 5 is in direct competition with another British craft, the De Havilland 110, of more conventional layout. The DH 110 follows the style set by the Vampire of boomtail and big wing. And the Royal Air Force is going to compare before they buy. Informed people are betting that the RAF gets the DH job first, later the Gloster. Reasons the DH job first, later the Gloster. Reasons behind this thinking are several, including the present state of the art of conventional versus delta-wing craft, the problems of produceability and the number of bugs to be chased out of designs.

The Gloster job is not actually a pure tailless craft, as delta-wing jobs can be. It is fitted with a temporary horizontal tail, which

fitted with a temporary horizontal tail, which presumably will be removed when flight tests say that it's okay to do so. Otherwise, it's reminiscent of the Avro 707 series of delta-winged research craft, from which Gloster drew much experience in preparing

their design.

The GA 5 is a venture of the several member companies of the Hawker Siddeley group, including Gloster, which built the airframe: Armstrong Siddeley, which supplied the twin Sapphire turbojets which power the plane; and A. V. Roe, whose pioneering research and construction with several delta-wing air-craft contributed to the aerodynamic knowl-

edge behind the GA 5.
Gloster considers its latest as a modern Gloster considers its latest as a modern Meteor, which has about a decade of modifications to its credit. Everytime somebody comes up with an engine, it's tried in a Meteor. And once in a while, Gloster changes the shape of the tail, or lops off some wing, or trims down the windshield slope, and there's a new mark Meteor.

That's what they'd like to do to the CA 5.

That's what they'd like to do to the GA 5. As more powerful engines come along, Gloster has the airframe to take them. "Any fore-seeable powerplant" is the way their release of information put it. And if it follows in the Meteor's footsteps, the 1961 Farnborough display should be, to borrow a phrase from our President, a dinger.

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Jack-of-All-Skyraiders - There's gimmick behind the production of the latest model of Douglas' Skyraider, the AD-5. It looks like the earlier models, and with a minor conversion or two in the field, it can do anything any of them did.

Thanks to a universal chassis and a number of field kits, the AD-5 will be able to hunt subs, tow targets, take photos, drop bombs

and carry litters.

General lines of the Skygaider series have been kept, with one minor exception—verti-cal tail has been heightened. The cockpit arrangement is different and the crew enjoys the luxury of direct communication. (I joys the luxury of direct communication. (I don't know what that means, exactly—it's what Douglas said—but if the crew couldn't communicate before, that was no way to build an airplane. I think they mean that the crew can now, if necessary, scratch each other's backs.)

Anyway, the Raider can carry the same terrific loads which have been slung on it during the Korean fracas, which means up to 8,000 lbs. It has four wing guns, and underneath carries rockets, bombs, torpedoes and

napalm.

Take-off horsepower of the Skyraider is 2,400 hp., from a Wright R-3350-26W reciprocating engine.

Trainer-Transport—Out in Wichita, Kansas in the Beech Aircraft Co. factory, there is a shiny, all-metal mockup of the T-36, Beech's advanced trainer-transport. Four months after Beech got the order, the mockup was ready. It looks like the real thing, and Beech learned a lot about the real thing while making the model.

Indicative of the tempo of the times is the speed of the T-36—it's to be on a par with piston-engined fighters of World War II, around 400 mph. And it should go that fast. The plane weighs something more than the perennial Douglas DC-3; and it has two big. fat Pratt & Whitney R-2800 engines putting out 2300 hp. each for take-off.

Its job is to train crews as navigators or pilots. Three students and one instructor will occupy the craft during such use. And as a transport, the T-36 will carry two crew, and

12 passengers.

Dimensions: span, 70'; length, 52' 2". And looks? The style is that of a Convair 240 with the cockpit borrowed from a De Havilland Dove and set back a little further. Clean it is, and sleek. Beech has a winner.

Bits and Pieces-Forgot to give dimensions for the baby Auster last month. Here they are: span, 37', length, 24' 8".... By this reading, Douglas' X-3, supersonic research craft, should be flying. Bill Bridgeman, who gained wide renown as a result of his records in the Skyrocket, will be the space jockey for these runs. And for you followers of Tom Corbett (and this includes me), Bridgeman is the first man to have flown under the conditions found in space flight. That means dangerously low oxygen content of air, temporary loss of gravity, exposure to radiation and



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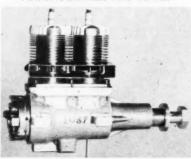


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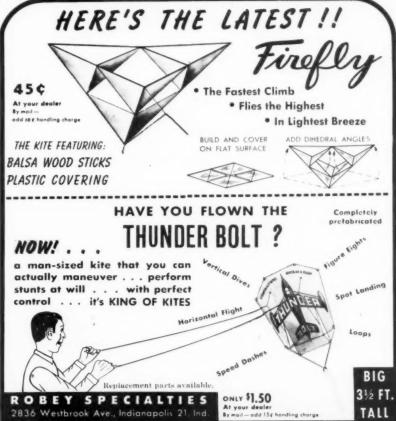
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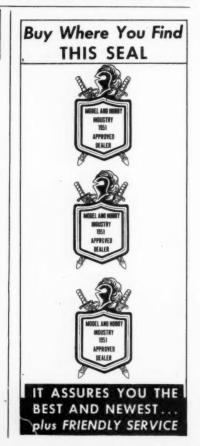
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The Javelin

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level, then applying down to prevent the stall. An alternate method of entry into the loop is from a spiral dive; here opposite rudder must be applied before up to stop the turn.

be applied before up to stop the turn.
Entry into the immelman is similar to the loop, only when the ship reaches the top of the loop and is inverted, left rudder is applied. The ship will roll out into level flight. Try both left and right roll outs, one may be smoother than the other.

smoother than the other.

Wingovers are the hardest and prettiest of the airborne maneuvers. Once perfected they may be done close to the ground. First apply down control and allow the ship to lose 50 feet of altitude, then apply up. When the nose is up about 45 degrees, apply right ruder, the airplane will roll over in a right turn with the wings almost vertical and the fuse-lage parallel to the ground. Let the nose drop continuing the turn, until the ship is headed in the opposite direction from the initial entry; now stop the turn with left rudder, and then apply up again. Up comes the nose to the 45 degree position and left rudder is applied, finally stopping the turn with right rudder and so on through as many wingovers se desired. The result should be a series of 180 degree turns, right and left, with the first 90 degrees of each turn being a climbing turn and the second half being a diving turn.

and the second half being a diving turn. Other maneuvers are possible with the Ruddervator, depending upon the capabilities of the model and experience of the pilot. The ones described are the most useful. After the pilot feels at home on the controls try full tank flights and cross countries. Add more downthrust and use a high pitch prop, about 9" dia. 8" pitch on the Ohlsson .19 will give plenty of forward speed in level flight, particularly useful on windy days. High pitch props tend to dampen the stall as they begin to lose thrust as speed goes down and the ship sort of rides through the stall.

The space above the fuel tank will be used for a motor control, as yet not installed because we still enjoy just flying. Anyone of the four neutral positions on the Ruddervator can be used to actuate a motor control. The latest form of Ruddervator, called the Superuddervator, has built in provisions for mechanically controlling a glow plug engine, and has the added feature of a battery current saver. It is fully described in the Sept. 750. M.A.N.

The Tri-Pacer

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securely to the fuselage. A 1/8" x 1/2" balsa brace is cemented between the two upper ribs.

The top rear portion of the fuselage now can be sheeted down. While the latter is left to dry, the cowl shell can be started. Several pieces of scrap balsa are cemented to the fuselage nose, when dry shape to proper contour and make the necessary cut-outs for the installation of the engine.

installation of the engine.

Form the nose gear axle and strut, the yoke is cut and shaped from thin shim brass, soldered on top and on both sides of the axle as it leaves the wheels. Position the wheel before soldering. The shimmy damper is formed from 1/16" wire and soldered. In the oleo strut effect use two different diameters of plastic tubing. The scoop is cemented in place before the nose wheel is added. Apply two to three heavy coats of cement to the nose gear as this unit takes plants of abuse.

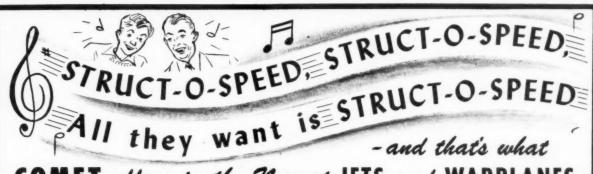
as this unit takes plenty of abuse.

Sand the fuselage and give it three coats of clear dope with a light sanding after each application. When dried add the cabin braces, forming them from 1/16° sq. balsa, sanded to a round cross section.

to a round cross section. The leading edge is $3.8^{\rm w} \times 5.8^{\rm w}$ balsa, or it can be built up from $3/16^{\rm w}$ sheet stock, as can the sheet tip. The trailing edge is $3/16^{\rm w} \times 3.4^{\rm w}$ and all ribs except the root ribs are $1/8^{\rm w}$ sheet. The root ribs are $1/8^{\rm w}$ sheet. Pin the leading and trailing edges in place, cement the form ribs, notch where needed for the wing reinforcing strip. Cement the balsa tip and tip gussets in place. When dried remove from the bench and cement the strut reinforcing strip in place. Repeat for the other

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wing panel. Sand smooth to the airfoil shape shown. Apply a coat of clear dope to all surfaces that the covering material will come in contact with. The 1/2" dihedral on the wing panels is built into the root rib. The panels are cemented to the fuselage. Heavy grade Silkspan was used to cover the wings. Three coats of dope are given the covered panels with a light sanding after each brushing. The original model sported a sky blue doping throughout, with yellow trim. Three

coats of colored dope were applied. For nu-merals we used both white and red Trimfilm. You will note from the photos that a shadowing effect was used. The first numerals snadowing effect was used. The infill man is full means to be cut and fastened to the wing were white, followed by the red. Stagger the red for a super looking license number. Complete the trim by inking in outlines of the doors, allerons, and elevators. The cabin windows are given the proper effect by using silver Trim-film. The main gear wheels can now be soldered in place. Three one-inch diameter Veco wheels were used. Rudder lettering is plane. The wing struts are built up using 1/16" x 1/8" and 1/16" x 3/16" strip stock; cement as shown and fasten in place. The wire guide is bent from 1/16" wire; fasten to the left wing strut. Thin celluloid is preshaped and

nen cemented to the cabin. Wingtip lights are added and silver Trimfilm landing light on the left panel's leading edge. A thin antenna is mounted on top of the model using tooth picks as antenna posts.
Two coats of good fuel proofer should be ample protection. The engine is fastened in

ample protection. The engine is tastened in place with ordinary wood screws.

The model was flown on 40' lines. We started off with 25' lines and after a few laps were convinced that longer lines were needed. The Pacer handles and flies well, and after several take-offs, good three-point land-ings will be common and lots of fun. The nose wheel after many a hard landing still serves us well.

Phantom lines show the Pacer with the conventional landing gear.

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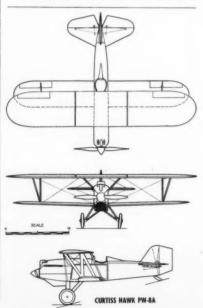
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the AA models will be flown on 35-foot lines and be judged the same as their larger counterpart. Rumor also has it that the larger class, limited to a maximum motor displacement of .65 cu. ins., will be flown on 52-1/2 lines this year. This change, if brought into effect, is an effort to help the flyers bring models in on the deck, not in the "drink

The Navy Carrier Event is designed to emphasize the simulation of a Navy carrier phasize the simulation of a Navy Cathrelplane, meaning that characteristics such as quick take-off, high speed, stability at slow speeds, and a fuselage strong enough to take the shock of arrested landings are desirable. The only restrictions imposed on the models are that they shall not exceed 44" wingspan, 58" length, or 17" in height (1/12th size of an actual carrier elevator). Models must have a conventional landing gear which may be

a conventional landing gear which may be either fixed or retractable.

Judging of the Navy Carrier Event consists of launching, high speed flight, slow speed flight, landing, and scale.

One hundred points are given for a successful take-off if the model does not come in contact with the ground immediately after leaving the elevated carrier deck.

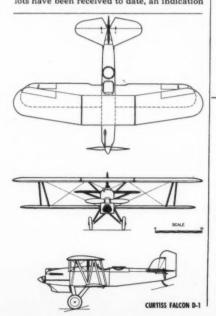
Timing for the high speed portion of the flight starts the instant the model begins to roll at take-off and continues until the model has flown for a half-mile or the designated

roll at take-off and continues until the model has flown for a half-mile or the designated course. One point shall be given for each mph averaged during the high speed flight. When the flyer has decelerated his plane to his satisfaction, the judges are signalled to start timing for slow speed. One point is given for each mph of difference between the slow and high speed averages. the slow and high speed averages.

For the landing, an arresting hook or similar device shall be provided on the model for engagement in the arresting gear. model for engagement in the arresting gear. One hundred points are awarded for a successful arrested landing where the model comes to rest on the carrier deck still engaged in the arresting gear. Fifty points are awarded for a successful landing on the deck awarded for a successful landing on the deck without being engaged in the arresting gear. A successful landing is considered one in which the plane is in any attitude on the deck except over on its back. One hundred bonus points may be awarded each model capable of flight if it is a scale replica of any II. S. military aircraft.

U. S. military aircraft.

ELECTION GOING FULL SWING. As this was written, the election of 1952 AMA officers and contest board members was just getting into full swing. A check with Mrs. B. J. Fritchey, chief ballot recorder and secretary to Russ Nichols, indicates that over 600 ballots have been received to date, an indication





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that this will probably be a record breaking year for the number of ballots received! The complete results will be given in this column next month.

With Joe Major's election ballot was re-ceived this message: "I find that in marking my election ballot I am forced to make my choices based on the mere appearance of a name since I have no other way to judge those whom I am asked to vote for. Perhaps others among the membership are faced with the same problem." Undoubtedly, Joe, there are others faced with the same problem.

Joe goes on to say that he is of the opinion that biographical sketches of the nominees for the principal offices should be made available to the membership, somehow, be-fore the election so that there would be something for those voting to base their

opinions on.

That sounds like a mighty good idea, Joe, if the nominees draw up their own biographical sketches. It is obvious though, that AMA Headquarters does not have an equal amount of material on hand for each candidate. Let's have some comments on this subject! Do you want to have short autobiographies on the nominees?

If you've seen or heard of a rule questionnaire, don't become alarmed. It is true that Ray Matthews, AMA Contest Board Chairman, has circulated a number of questionnaires with regard to the rules but it is a trial one and will have absolutely no bearing on the 1953 rules other than to determine what questions will be asked when the final ballot is put to a vote of the AMA license holders. Naturally, those questions in the trial questionnaire receiving a fairly good reception will be included in the final ballot, scheduled to be circulated sometime near the close of 1952.

Have you applied for your 1952 AMA license yet? If not, look around for that application you received from AMA a while back, fill it out, and mail it without waiting.

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outboard wing and no engine offset. Off again. The shift of balance smoothed out the loops beautifully and she checked off the AMA pattern with ease. Asymmetrical Stability really works!

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sembly of the wing, first mark the rib positions on the spars, leading and trailing edges, line them up on the work table side-by-side and with a straight edge, marking them all at one time. This helps greatly in keeping the wing aligned correctly.

Leading edge sheeting on the wing can be Leading edge sneeding on the wing can be put on easily by applying cement to the spars, leading edge and edges of the ribs to be covered. Lay the sheeting in position temporarily while cement is wet; it will mark the places on the sheeting that will make content apply cement to these sections marked. tact. Apply cement to these sections marked, paint the outside of the entire sheet with water applied with a paint brush. The sheet will curve toward the cemented side. Apply additional cement and assemble, using pins to hold the sheeting in position. If the ship is to be flown counter-clockwise, turn the wing frame over before putting on the center section sheeting and control mount and the bellcrank will be on the bottom. If desired, when putting on the center section sheeting, when putting on the center section sheeting, instead of making a sharp corner where the sheeting and the leading edge sheeting meet, it may be curved tward the wingtip, adding additional strength at an important point. The wingtips are a little tricky but by cutting the leading and trailing edge sheeting away for about half the thickness of the outside rib, the leading and the control of the stip sheeting the state of the stip sheeting and the stip sheeting the sheeting the stip sheeting the stip sheeting the sheeting the stip sheeting the it leaves a ledge on which the tip sheeting can rest. By handling each section separately, fitting each well before cementing, then wet-ting the outside thoroughly and using plenty of pins, a neat and strong job can be accomplished.

For strength, the firewall and bulkhead at the rear of the motor mounts can be made of plywood or covered with gauze. Before starting assembly of the body, put the sides one on top of each other and cut the slot for the stabilizer. An easy method of assembling the body is first to cement the motor mounts and first two bulkheads together and allow to dry in a clamp or vise. Cement this motor mount assembly in place between the sides, clamp this all, line up the rear of the fuse-lage and hold together with clip clothespins. After completing the assembly of the control

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pivot, we tried the new nylon bellcrank by Sullivan Products which seems to be working very well. On a thick wing ship, it is often advisable to bend up the ends of the bell-crank to align with the lead out holes in the wing and we found, by heating the nylon over a hot soldering iron and holding it till it cooled, it was as easy to adopt this bellcrank as any made of metal. Regardless of the belicrank used, be sure and check the movement for freedom before putting on the center sheeting so that, in the extreme forward and back movement, the pushrod does not go past the edge of the control mount block and have a chance to jam. A small scrap of balsa next to the control mount will take care of it.

It was found that a hole 17/32" from the center of the bellcrank and a hole in the elevator horn 1/2" from the center of the elevator made a good combination for adequate control movement. Don't assemble the tail to the body until nearly last. In that way it is possible to put a Z bend in the pushrod at the elevator horn. Slip the pushrod into the horn and, with the bellcrank in neutral, shift the whole tail back or forward to com-pensate for any error in bending of the pushrod. Also, if loops in the leadout wires are left till the very last, there is a last chance to compensate for error. One final thing, a scrap of balsa in the V formed by the body at the rear helped to anchor the rudder in

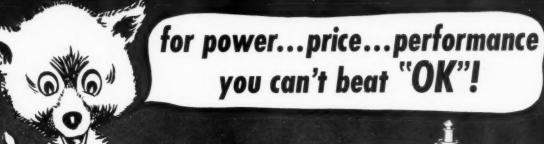
position while putting on the cabin sheeting. In a nut shell, it's fast, does tight loops, has quick response with a small amount of tail movement. If you want to play safe, put a slight bit of offset in the engine and just a small amount of weight on the outboard wingtip for counter-clockwise flying-though it isn't essential. The All American can be classed as a good stunt job and stacks up with the best of the 29's

Scrap Box

(Continued from page 5) the Mac 29 engine.

In team racing events, the modeler must have a good engine shut-off system. James P. Kelly of Robbinsadle, Minnesota was asking a few questions about fuel shut-off systems, so thought we'd check some of the types used by the "wheels." Paul White had a very compact and simple arrangement for his ship. He solders a K & B shut-off valve to the metering jet side of his Mac 29 venturi after making and fitting a dural flat horn between the venturi and the shut-off. The horn has a close fit hole drilled at its base, allowing the tube to the shut-off to pass through it and also free swinging action. The horn is filed to shape which, when pushed forward by the bell crank rod, which is fit into another hole at the top of the horn, trips the shut-off and cuts the engine. Another hole is drilled through the top of the shut-off rod itself through which a piece of 1/32 wire is bent and soldered. This piece of wire extends through the cowling and when it's pulled up,







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Les McBrayer uses another equally simple shut-off system in his famous Highlander. A regular square one ounce fuel tank with the two conventional lines, one filler, the other a breather, plus a gas line to the venturi are used. Another hole is drilled in line with an extension from his bell-crank push rod and a K & B shut-off valve is soldered into place in the top of the tank. The valve is worked via the extension (1/16 wire) from the arm of the push rod to the spring clip on the shut-off. The tank is filled in the regular manner with the shut-off in the off position. When the tank is full, the neoprene tubing to the vent line is also then hooked to the fill line. The shut-off valve is then opened by the re-set wire, allowing air to be taken into the tank as it is needed, and the engine is started. When the ship has been in the air for the when the sing has been in the air for me required number of laps, full control is given and the extended wire from the bell crank moves forward to trip the shut-off into the closed position. This naturally stops all air from going into the tank and the engine stops after approximately one lap has been flown. arter approximately one lap has been flown. Les' set-up is perhaps the simplest to install and seems to be foolproof. There is nothing more troublesome in qualifying heats and trophy dashes than to have a shut-off fail at the wrong time. In the event this happens, the pilot must fly the tank out while all other contestants wait. Keith Storey has another type of system for shutting his engine off which we'll show you in the next issue if space permits. Keith simply bleeds air into his metering jet line which automatically kills

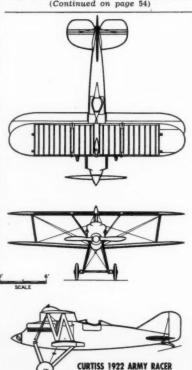
it definitely gets the job done.

J. C. Russell pulled a "Conrad Conrod" by staying up until midnight finishing a novel T.R. ship to compete in the last race of the year. J C's ship sported a gull wing and butterfly tail and is very pleasing to the eyes. The gear is short and wide and blends in nicely with the ship. The inverted Mac 29 and 9-8 Power Prop gives it plenty of suds.

the engine. It is very novel and completely eliminates any manufactured shut-off device.

McBrayer kids Keith about it and calls it a "plumber's nightmare." We can tell you that

The beauty event was taken by Lawrence Williams' all-metal Minnow scale racer. The only wood we could see on the whole job (Continued on page 54)



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were the two cheek cowls and the prop. These Williams brothers (Lawrence and Granger) can really put out beautiful all-metal Team Racers. We saw this job in the air a few times and it controlled perfectly. The glide was excellent and the speed was way up there. The finish would have made the proverbial fly break his neck. You surely deserved the beauty award. Lawrence deserved the beauty award, Lawrence.

Jack Elem of the Santa Ana Thunderbugs

had a duo of Team Racers that were tough ones to beat in the beauty event. Ships were named Scooter Jr. and Lemon Drop, and were powered with the Mac 29 powerplant. Elem favors the 9-8 Power Prop as do many of the other T. R. fans. We've noticed that the ships have been getting better looking all the time. The F.A.S.T. Club has been stressing good looks much more than speed and has made up some new rules that will be tentatively used in 1952. The Heat races will be 21, 35, and 70 lap events. The laps were changed to cut down the advantage of the very fast ships. It's tough to get over 32 or 33 laps using "dynamite" fuel and that 35 lap race should cause the fast boys plenty of, worry. The good looking ships are going to have still another advantage of the super speedsters. In 1951, the three fastest ships competed in the trophy dash. '52 will see the three best looking ships battle it out for the coveted trophy dash hardware. Better get out the sandpaper and mix it with plenty of elbow grease. fellows. Elem, Williams, and Russell and others may take all of the places

To give you an idea of the Team Racing point standings before the last big race of '51, we've compiled the points of the first four men, as follows: first—Paul White, 631 pts.; second-Cliff Potts, 626 pts.: third-Jerry Gaston, 596 pts.; fourth-Granger Williams, 521 pts. After the last race, in which Paul White was plagued with troubles, the final tally was: first—Cliff Potts, 717 pts.; second—Jerry Gaston, 677 pts.; third—Granger Williams, 652 pts.; fourth—Paul White, 651 pts. It was interesting to find that Jerry Gaston won top theresting to find that Jerry Gaston won top honors in '50 and Granger in '49. This year these same two ended up second and third respectively. The '52 rules, in regards to the best looking ships being placed in the trophy dash, should get more of the scale builders in the act. Violet Hoyt has been giving the men contestants plenty of trouble in the jet and other speed events and has done very well in the T.R. events. Keith Storey informs us that there will be a woman high point trophy awarded to the woman contestant amassing the most points in competition for the year.

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The females will compete right along with the men but their total points will be figured separately.

We've seen several meets in which the total times in either speed, stunt, free-flight, etc., have come out very close at the final point total. A letter from V. R. Duvery of Leeds, England, informs us of the closest competition in total times we've ever heard of. We quote, "Every year our Area runs a knock-out team competition among its member clubs (about 35 in all). Teams consist of three flyers who may fly one model each of any type. Rubber models unrestricted, gliders up to 300 sq. inches for tow-line, and power jobs up to 20 seconds engine run. Each makes three flights and the total time of each team's nine flights are compared, the highest being the winner (a five-minute limit rule applies). The first date on which the match was arranged turned out to be a day with howling gales and rain. Each team managed only five flights before all the models were wrecked and when they added up the total, it was found there was a dead heat. They decided to fly off at a later date and accordingly, fresh teams, one from Halifax in South Yorkshire and another from York, travelled again a matter of 25 miles each to Baildon, near Bradford (if you have an English suit, it probably came from there!) to fight it out once again. This time it was foggy, but both teams did their best. Models went out of sight in one to two minutes even though there was little wind. Finally all 18 flights were made and they added up each team's score. Believe me, as true as I'm riding this bike, it was another dead heat to the second! In desperation, the two team captains got to-gether and decided to record the results of one more flight each. Ron Finth of York and John Magson of Halifax, flew it off, the latter making the higher time by a few seconds." It sounds unbelievable, but it happened! V. R. Dubery, our informant of the unusual event, is a member of the S.M.A.E. and is a well known rubber flyer. His 1951 best effort was in winning the "Flight Cup."

We learn from June Dyer that the North-

ern Council Free Flight Council begins its third year of successful operation; competition of Free Flights Clubs of Northern California will long be remembered. The Medford Prop Nuts of Oregon have added their name to the Council's roster. On December 2, a meeting of the N.C.F.F.C. was held at Sacramento to set up the schedule for 1952. New officers for the coming year were elected-President, Lee Ross; Secretary, Stanley Fadden; Financial Secretary, June Dyer. Hal Simmons, former President, and Tom Moore, Secretary-Treasurer, worked constantly during 1951 to keep everything on constantly during last to keep everytaining on even keel. Plans are under way for a "Coun-cil" trophy (about three feet tall) to be awarded the Council Club which scores the highest number of points during the year. Individual high point club standings of the big three for '51 are: first, San Francisco Vultures—220 pts.; second, Elmhurst Prop Busters—173 pts., third, Twin Cities Model Airplane Club—125 pts. At the present time, eleven clubs are on the Council's roster. Contest dates for '52 will be February 24, April 27, Lupa 1 and Sentember 21. April 27, June 1, and September 21.

There is quite a discussion going on about the "fuse dethermalizer." Many of the mod-elers feel that a ship on an O.S.S. flight over dry country is a new type of incendiary bomb. True, under the right conditions, a fire could be started, and many flyers are steering clear of the "fuse." There is no doubt that the majority of the modelers in the f.f. category are using this type of equipment to bring their ships out of a thermal. The rubber men use this system almost exclusively. The method is very simple and almost no weight factor is involved. It would be very rough on the rubber modeler (Wakefield, for instance) to design a ship that would carry a timer device to trip the re-lease for the stab, chute, or wing to allow the model to dethermalize, and still keep close to the 8 oz. weight. It looks like the "fuse" type of dethermalizer will have to be made much safer or the possibility of outlawing it completely may come to pass.

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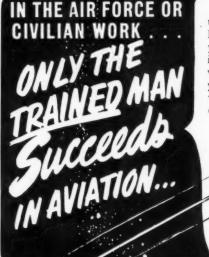
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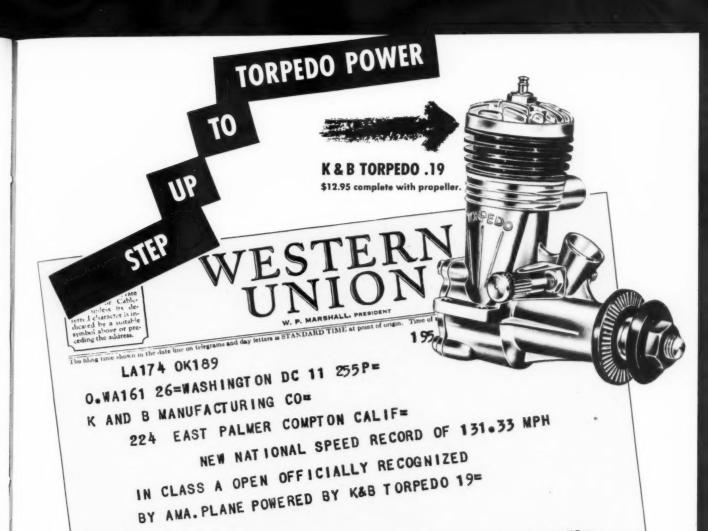


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